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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Louis Innes was born on June 15th, 1888, at Campbellford, Ontario, and followed the profession of Engineer.

He received his education at Campbellford Public School and Toronto Technical School.

On July 13th, 1915, he married Miss Annie Ethel Hanna.

Initiated into Masonry in Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary, Alberta, January, 1932. He was Master in 1946.

He was Exalted in Crescent Chapter No. 24, Calgary, Alberta, and was First Principal in 1942.

Consecrated in Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, Calgary, Alberta, on January 25th, 1942, and was presiding Preceptor in 1949.

He is a member of Zadok Council, Royal & Select Masters, and of Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, A. A. O. N. M. Shrine.

Jimmie, as he is known to his many friends, has endeared himself to all he came in contact with, and we trust that this kindly Companion will be spared for many years of useful and kindly service by his advice and timely counsel in our deliberations.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
at the
Thirty-sixth
Annual Convocation
1950

Held in the
City of Calgary, Alberta
May 10th, 1950
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Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, on the 10th day
of May, A.D. 1950, A.L. 2480.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M.E. Companion J. L. Innes	Grand First Principal
R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley	Grand Second Principal
R.E. Companion A. Peart	Grand Third Principal
R.E. Companion L. B. McCoombe	Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion J. W. N. Beamish	Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion R. J. Smith	Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion W. Marcellus	Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion Lars Osberg	Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion T. S. Jeffery	Grand Treasurer
M.E. Companion F. J. Hand	Grand Scribe Ezra
R.E. Companion J. A. Dutton	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
R.E. Companion E. J. Friend	Grand Registrar
R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley	Grand Lecturer
V.E. Companion A. W. Longson	Grand Senior Sojourner
V.E. Companion T. E. Jones	Grand Junior Sojourner
V.E. Companion G. R. Stirling	Grand Master First Veil
V.E. Companion T. Gold	Grand Master Second Veil
M.E. Companion W. A. Irving	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.E. Companion S. W. Bridges	Grand Organist
V.E. Companion G. H. Lambert	Grand Steward
V.E. Companion Gaius Allen	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

M.E. Companion M. M. Downey.	M.E. Companion E. C. Ellerton
M.E. Companion E. G. Ironside	M.E. Companion F. J. Hand
M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison	M.E. Companion T. J. Cumberland
M.E. Companion J. V. Follett	M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson
M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin	M.E. Companion W. A. Irving
M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy	M.E. Companion A. L. Williams
M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell	M.E. Companion Frank Van Demark (Honorary)

PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Alberta Chapter No. 1

K. J. Mitchell Z, C. V. Harstrom H., E. C. Logan J., F. J. Hand, C. E. Cosgrove, C. H. Minchin, A. Anderson, C. F. Floyd, S. D. Wilson.

North Star Chapter No. 2

M. W. Roberston H., A. A. Cashman, A. B. McCurdy, A. L. Williams, W. L. Mundy, E. G. Ellerton, C. W. Lester.

Assiniboia Chapter No 3

J. D. Tufford S.E., E. G. Ellerton, W. G. Hartley.

Shekinah Chapter No. 4.

J. E. Rannard, J. C. Redman, Jas. A. Key.

Golden West Chapter No. 5.

S. M. Finders H., A. E. Neal, G. H. Lambert, A. L. Watkins.

Kether Chapter No. 8.

B. Walker Z., Wm. Marcellus, T. J. Cumberland.

Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.

F. L. Colwell Z., N. G. Rusk H., H. E. Bentley, W. J. Hartrick, Geo. Acton, Gaius Allen, Geo. Sweeting, J. V. Follett.

Bow Valley No. 10.

Calgary Chapter No. 11.

T. D. Gold, T. S. Jeffery, Frank Van Demark, E. G. Ironside, P. J. Russell, Jas. McDonald.

Keystone Chapter No. 12.

Geo. Thobron Z., M. M. Downey, G. E. Stirling, A. G. Ayres.

Capital City Chapter No. 13.

R. M. Lambertson, Alf Peart, Frank Mayer, L. B. McCoomb.

Vermilion Chapter No. 14.

J. W. G. Morrison.

Hillvue Chapter No. 15.

C. Lawrence, Robt. Crichton.

Tau Cross Chapter No. 16.

J. T. Campbell.

Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17.

H. V. Phipps Z., Wm. Smith Jr.

Nerwood Chapter No. 18.

F. Tomlinson Z., J. L. Brownlee H., M. M. Downey, J. A. Dutton,
George Grieve.

The Hiram Chapter No. 19.

J. W. N. Beamish.

Banff Chapter No. 20.

F. J. Hand.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21.

P. W. Slater Z., R. A. Ferguson H., H. W. B. Bell, M. M. Downey,
A. W. Longson.

Crescent Chapter No. 24.

B. C. Jakeman J., F. W. Keyte, A. B. Reith, J. M. Donaldson, J. L.
Innes, R. J. Smith, T. F. Jones, F. W. McJunkin, C. F. Dooley.

Harmony Chapter No. 26.

E. J. Bell, H. W. Ford.

Eheyeh Chapter No. 27.

W. A. Irving.

Hanna Chapter No. 28.

Edson Chapter No. 30.

S. W. Bridges, R. D. Layng, Frank Mayer.

Parklands Chapter No. 31.

W. L. Mundy.

Viking Chapter No. 32.

G. T. Loney Z., H. W. K. Hilliker H., J. Finnemore J., Lars Osberg.

Hamar Chapter No. 33.

J. H. Cochrane.

Wapiti Chapter No. 34.

N. Leslie H., A. A. Cashman, L. R. Ganey, A. L. Williams.

Empress Chapter No. 35.

J. A. MacKenzie H., J. Campbell.

The Committee on Credentials having reported that a constitutional numbers of Chapters were represented by their qualified representatives the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in Ample Form at 9:45 o'clock A.M. Wednesday, May 10th, A.D. 1950., A. L. 2480.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Most Ex. Comp. H. Stanley Bell, Grand First Principal and Most Ex. Comp. George Lithgoe, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan were presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison.

M.E. Comp. E. G. Ironsides, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and now residing in British Columbia, was presented and introduced by Rt. Ex/ Comp H. E. Bentley, Grand Second Principal.

M.E. Comp. Almer J. Peterson, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Territory of Southern Alaska, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. E. G. Ellerton.

M.E. Comp. Frank Van Demark, and Ex. Comp. John Haglund representing the Grand High Priest of the State of Montana was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.

M.E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell, President of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the Province of Alberta, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. A. B. McCurdy.

Companion Harry L. Parnell from 3867 West Salford, England, a visitor in Calgary, was presented and introduced by Rt. Ex. Comp. T. S. Jeffery, Grand Treasurer.

M.E. Comp. Ben S. Bailey, representing the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. C. H. Minchin.

M.E. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. R. M. Lambertson.

M.E. Comp. C. H. Minchin, Deputy Grand Master of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knight Templars, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. Ben S. Bailey, a Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M.E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Recorder of Cryptic Rite Masonry, Royal & select Masters of Western Canada, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. W. Irving.

These Distinguished Guests were accorded a most hearty welcome by M.E. Comp. J. L. Innes, Grand First Principal, who stated: On be-

half of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you to this our Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation and to extend to you our cordial and Fraternal greetings.

To those who are here for the first time, we hope you will enjoy your short sojourn with us and that you will feel at home in our fair City of the Foothills, to those who have been with us before, we again extend to you our warmest welcome.

To have with us the representatives of so many different bodies of Masonry is an indication of the interest that is being taken in Capitular Masonry, and it is our wish that this Brotherhood of Man continues to grow stronger each year.

To those from our sister jurisdictions, we are happy to have you with us, having many pleasant recollections of the hospitality you extended to me when I was your guest.

It is a real pleasure to again greet our Cousins from the south of the border and also from North of the border in Alaska and to re-new our friendship which grows stronger each year, we stand side by side just as our two flags stand side by side, our Union Jack and your Stars and Stripes, a bit scarred from two wars, but are still there as an emblem that we are shoulder to shoulder to uphold our democratic way of life, and now I would ask you to take back to your respective jurisdictions the greetings and best wishes of our Grand Chapter.

Most Wor. Brother H. B. Macdonald, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., accompanied by Most Wor. Brother George Moore, Grand Secretary, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. M. M. Downey.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were cordially received by the Grand First Principal, who stated: To have this honour to welcome you to our Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta is indeed a pleasure for me.

That you should give us of your valuable time to be with us today, so that we may extend to you the greetings and best wishes of our Grand Chapter is an indication of the harmony that exists between our two Masonic bodies.

We appreciate the wonderful work you are doing in building up a strong Grand Lodge which is the foundation of our Masonic order. May you both be blessed with good health to carry on the good work you are so nobly doing for many years to come, I would ask you to be escorted to the East.

Most Wor. Brother H. B. MacDonald in replying thanked the Companions for his reception and the good relations existing between the two Grand bodies, stressing the liberty and freedom to rebuild a new and better world upon the foundations of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Rise up, oh Men of God, to serve the King of Glory.

Most Wor. Brother George Moore in replying, brought greetings and good wishes, stressing Benevolence and best wishes to the Royal Craft.

Ald. J. L. Hill representing Mayor Don Mackay of Calgary, was presented and introduced by M.E. Comp. J. T. Cumberland.

Ald. Hill was given a hearty welcome to the Convocation by the Grand First Principal who stated: It is with a great deal of pleasure I welcome you to our Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation and I extend to you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta our greetings and best wishes.

It is our usual custom for us to have this honour of introducing our Mayor to our gathering, we claim to be a very law abiding Order, but you being the Chief Magistrate of our City we feel you should look us over and if by any chance we should transgress your laws, we ask you to be lenient in your judgment.

We have distinguished guests from many distant points with us today.

Now as your duties as Mayor are many and varied and not to impose too much on your valuable time, I would ask you to be escorted to the East and perhaps extend to our out-of-town Guests the welcome of our City not forgetting the 75th Anniversary and our Stampede Week.

Ald. Hill in addressing the Grand Chapter stated his delight in the attendance of the Convocation in the City of Calgary, and on behalf of the Mayor gave a real welcome to the visiting Companions, stressing the happy conditions of constructive creation and prosperity to build securely on the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, with harmony and service as a keynote, he then pointed out that the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the City of Calgary would be held during the Stampede Week July 10th to 15th, with special events to celebrate the progress of the City from 1875 to 1950.

READING OF MINUTES

On the motion of M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes as printed in the proceedings be taken as read.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

My Companions:—

Once again we meet at our Annual Convocation and it is with great pleasure that I am privileged to extend a very sincere welcome to all at this Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation.

One year ago you entrusted me with the exalted office of Grand First Principal and it is now my duty to report on my stewardship of the past Capitular year.

I trust that our deliberations will result in much good for our beloved order and that we may derive education and inspiration for the tasks that lie ahead.

NECROLOGY

During the past year we have been parted from many of our Companions. The list of our Grand Chapter Officers has been broken by the passing of our Grand Pursuivant, V. Ex. Companion Oscar Lindgren. One of our Past Grand First Principals, Most Ex. Companion Norman T. Mcleod, passed away after considerable illness in Lethbridge and we mourn the loss of this stalwart from our midst. No doubt the Committee on Necrology will report further in this connection.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Invitations have been extended to the following Grand Jurisdictions to be present with us today.

Grand Chapter of British Columbia—Most Ex. Companion Gerald H. Sedger, G.Z., together with Most Ex. Companion George Hugh Mackay, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan—Most Ex. Companion H. Stanley Bell, G.Z., together with Most Ex. Companion Alfred A. Wilson, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba—Most Ex. Companion, E. I. Waller, G.Z., together with Most Ex. Companion T. Sellar Cook, G.S. E.

Grand Chapter of Canada—Most Ex. Companion C. M. Pitts, Grand First Principal, together with Most Ex. Companion Fred J. Johnston, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Montana—Most Ex. Companion The Grand High Priest, together with Most Ex. Companion Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter—Most Ex. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, G.G.H.P., together with Most Ex. Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Alberta—Most Wor. Brother Howard B. MacDonald, Grand Master, together with Most Wor. Brother George Moore, Grand Secretary.

Grand Council of Western Canada, R.&S.M.—Most Ill. Companion John T. Boyd, Grand Master, together with Most Ill. Companion M. M. Downey, Grand Recorder.

Order of High Priesthood—M E. President, H. W. B. Bell.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada—Knight Templar M.E. John H. Eydt, Supreme Grand Master.

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Masons—Ill. Deputy for Alberta, Ill. Brother A. M. MacLeod.

A. and A.O.N.M. Shrine—Ill. Potentate W. H. Harper, together with Recorder A. W. Trickey.

To those Companions who are with us today from other Grand Jurisdictions it is a great delight to be favoured with your presence, and I can assure you that we appreciate your efforts and am sure that we shall derive much pleasure, education and inspiration from your visits to us and I would ask that you take back to your respective Grand Jurisdictions our warmest fraternal greetings and felicitations and hope that the bonds of Capitular Companionship may be further cemented between all Royal Arch Companions of all our great Fraternity.

MEMBERSHIP

The forward march of Royal Arch Masonry, which has been so evident throughout the whole world during the past few years, has been maintained in our jurisdiction and it is very pleasing to be able to report an increase in membership of about 214 over last year. All Chapters having Exaltations and an evident desire to confer the degree with a dignity and solemnity which is so desirable.

It has been the desire of all branches of Masonry to co-operate to the fullest and fraternal relations are the surest bonds of friendships and crystalization of the desire to perpetuate the form of Democratic Government under which we live and under which we enjoy our Freedom. Let us strive to further this spirit of co-operation and friendliness to that great end when all peoples shall own the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

INVITATIONS

Invitations were received from the following Grand Jurisdictions: Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, together with several invitations from Grand Chapters in the United States.

I was in attendance at the Grand Convocation of Saskatchewan at Prince Albert on May 20th, 1949, at which I was received with all

the courtesies and dignity extended from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan to your Grand First Principal, and this was one of my visits which will ever remain in my memory as a hallmark in good will and Companionship. I was made an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan and this honor I shall cherish always.

It was my good fortune to be able to visit the Grand Chapter of Manitoba on February 8th, 1950, and this was also a high mark in my visitations. To be with such goodly company, to hear the many varied points of view, to be privileged to take some small part in the deliberations and to associate with our Manitoba Companions is an experience which doubly repays the time spent and it is my sincere wish that such fraternal visitations may become more often in the future, especially among our Past Grand First Principals. At this Convocation I was again signally honoured by having the rank of Honorary Past Grand First Principal conferred upon me, this being also a most cherished possession.

It was unfortunate that reasons beyond my control prevented visiting other Grand Jurisdictions, but I was ably represented at the Grand Convocation of British Columbia by Most Ex. Companion J. E. Johnson

CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN GRAND CHAPTERS

Most Ex. Companion J. V. Follett was an able representative at the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters held at Winnipeg on the 24th of August, 1949. The minutes of the Conference show that Most Ex. Companion J. V. Follett took a very active interest and is to be highly commended on the very fine presentation he gave on the subject of "Impressing the Candidate" which was most favourably commented on by those present.

Many other very interesting subjects were dealt with and I would urge all Companions, especially First and Past First Principals of our subordinate Chapters to read these minutes as they are very interesting as well as highly educational and greatly increase the knowledge of our Capitular system beyond the limits of Provincialism and enable one to form a broad concept of a national viewpoint. Copies are available from the Grand Scribe E.

VISITS TO OTHER MASONIC BODIES

On August 11th, 1949, a unique and history making event took place in Calgary. Arrangements were made for a reception to be held at which a Royal Arch Masonic welcome could be extended to The General Grand Chapter Officers, who were to be in Calgary on that date. A dinner and reception was arranged, and Companions invited to hear and meet Most Ex. Companion Earl L. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, Most Ex. Companion Senator Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary, Most Ex. Companion William E. Pool, General Grand Custodian of the Work, and Most Ex. Companion Frank E. Simmons, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, the two latter being Honorary Past Grand First Principals of Alberta.

After the splendid dinner the Companions listened to a fine program. There was a toast to the King and to the President of the

United States, following which a toast and welcome to the General Grand Chapter Officers was presented by Rt. Ex. Companion Harold Bentley, Grand H., this was responded to by the General Grand High Priest, Most Ex. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, and was much appreciated by the Companions.

Short talks were given by Most Ex. Companions William E. Pool and Frank E. Simmons, these being followed by a very inspiring and educational address from Most Ex. Companion Senator Roscoe R. Walcutt, the General Grand Secretary. This was the highlight of the reception and this gifted speaker was listened to with rapt attention by all, and will linger long in the memory of those who were privileged to be present.

The genial Toastmaster, Most Ex. Companion Dr. J. V. Follett, presided with his usual dignity and easy wit, and kept everything running with smoothness and precision.

Possibly we may never again be so fortunate to be able to welcome these distinguished Most Ex. Companions at one time, and we appreciate their stopping over to visit us.

This wonderful reception was brought to a close by remarks from Most Ex. Companion C. H. Minchin and myself. The full Grand Council, many Past Grand Z's and other Grand Chapter Officers were present, together with approximately 160 Companions from 18 Chapters of our Jurisdiction, a truly remarkable showing, and all expressed entire satisfaction at their good fortune to be present.

My thanks are extended to the Committee and all who arranged to make such a success of this affair, especially to the four Calgary Chapters.

On August 22nd and 23rd, 1949, I was in attendance at the Annual Assembly of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada at Winnipeg and was welcomed as your Grand First Principal in addition to representing my own Preceptory, Cyprus No. 33, of which at that time I was Presiding Preceptor.

Another very enjoyable visit was to the District Meeting at Cutbank, Montana, of Royal and Select Masters, and again was received here as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as well as being privileged to take part in the conferring of some of the Degrees which was done by my own Council, Zadok Council No. 3.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All District Meetings, except District No. 2, were attended, although it was quite difficult to be at some of these on account of the severe winter conditions, it being necessary to take to the air to avoid bad travelling, and in the case of District No. 2, at Hanna, it was impossible to attend. I would like to impress upon all District Superintendents the desirability of arranging their District Meetings before winter makes travelling well nigh impossible.

District No. 1, on December 2nd, 1949, I visited Edmonton for this District Meeting, which was under the direction of the Grand

Superintendent Rt. Ex. Companion L. B. McCoomb. The meeting was conducted in an Excellent manner and worthwhile companionship was greatly in evidence. All questions were satisfactorily answered and Rt. Ex. Companion W. L. Mundy, was the Grand Superintendent-elect. This meeting was followed by a banquet at which short talks were given touching on various subjects for the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

District No. 2. This meeting was held in Hanna on October 17th, 1949, but owing to the sudden severe snowstorm which blocked all roads from our vicinity, I was unable to attend. This was a great disappointment to me as well as The Grand Superintendent, Rt. Ex. Companion J. W. N. Beamish, as all arrangements had been made. Ex. Companion J. Campbell was the Grand Superintendent-elect.

District No. 3. On October 26th, 1949, this District held its meeting at Crescent Chapter Temple in Calgary, Rt. Ex. Companion R. J. Smith, The Grand Superintendent, conducted the meeting in a very able and efficient manner, very good reports being given from Chapters in the District. The Grand Superintendent gave an inspiring address and all questions were satisfactorily answered by the Grand Lecturer, after which a short talk was given by myself. V. Ex. Companion Percy Russell was Grand Superintendent-elect. After the meeting an enjoyable time was spent at a banquet and much good resulted from short talks given by various Companions.

District No. 4. At Pincher Creek, the home of Kether Chapter No. 8, on September 21st, 1949, this District Meeting was held under the efficient leadership of Rt. Ex. Companion Walter Marcellus. Everything was done for the welfare of visiting Companions, this being a tradition of Kether Chapter and all Chapters were represented. This was perhaps one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings held in this District for some time, all Companions being willing to take part in the discussions, many questions were satisfactorily answered by the Grand Lecturer, and a short talk given by myself. Ex. Companion C. Lawrence was Grand Superintendent-elect. A splendid banquet was provided by the ladies and great credit is due them for their efforts on our behalf.

District No. 5. On October 15th, 1949, this District Meeting was held a Viking under the direction of Rt. Ex. Companion Lars Osberg. The Grand Superintendent. This was the first District Meeting of this newly-formed District, and great credit is due Rt. Ex. Companion Osberg for the arrangements made. Various exemplifications of degree parts were given and many questions answered by the Grand Lecturer, all Companions being desirous of having many points explained. A goodly number of Companions were present from all Chapters in the District as well as from Edmonton, and this lent spice and enjoyment to the proceedings. I was particularly pleased with this District Meeting and the Companionship of all was of a very high order. Great interest was shown and this District showed progress in all ways. V. Ex. Companion I. H. Cochrane was Grand Superintendent-elect.

At this time I would like to commend the Grand Superintendents for the energy, zeal and efficiency shown throughout their term of

office, and express the hope that this wonderful work will be continued by their successors. I am pleased to confirm the election of the following Grand Superintendents.

- District No. 1. Rt. Ex. Companion W. L. Mundy.
- District No. 2. Rt. Ex. Companion J. Campbell.
- District No. 3. Rt. Ex. Companion Percy Russell.
- District No. 4. Rt. Ex. Companion C. Lawrence.
- District No. 5. Rt. Ex. Companion J. H. Cochrane.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- Edson Chapter No. 30—Confer the Degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. on same day.
- Bow Valley Chapter No. 10—Install and Invest out of time.
- Kether Chapter No. 8—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Strathmore Chapter No. 21—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Alberta Chapter No. 1—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—Install as Second Principal one who has not served as Third Principal.
- Viking Chapter No. 32—Install and Invest Officers out of time.
- Golden West Chapter No. 5—Change date of Regular Convocation.
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- Eheyeh Chapter No. 27—Install as Second Principal one who has not served as Third Principal.
- Hillview Chapter No. 15—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Hanna Chapter No. 28—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—To hold joint Installation with Calgary Chapter No. 11.
- Capital City Chapter No. 13—Install as Second Principal one who has not served as Third Principal.
- Hamar Chapter No. 33—Install as Second Principal one who has not served as Third Principal.
- Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Hold elections out of time.
- Strathmore Chapter No. 21—Install as Second Principal one who has not served as Third Principal.
- Harmony Chapter No. 26—Install and Invest out of time.
- Banff Chapter No. 20—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- The Hiram Chapter No. 19—Install and Invest Officers out of time.
- Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Change date of Regular Convocation.
- Norwood Chapter No. 18—Install and Invest Officers out of time.
- Golden West Chapter No. 5—Install and Invest Officers out of time.
- Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—Change date of Regular Convocation.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

- Hamar Chapter No. 33—By-laws approved.
- Viking Chapter No. 32—To reduce fee from \$50.00 to \$40.00.
- Keystone Chapter No. 12—By-laws approved.
- The Hiram Chapter No. 19—Change in the date of meeting night.

NEW CHAPTERS

On May 28th, 1949, it was my privilege to Consecrate Empress Chapter No. 35, they having received their Charter at the Annual Convocation previous. I was accompanied on this occasion by the Grand Second Principal, Rt. Ex. Companion H. E. Bentley, and the Grand Superintendent, Rt. Ex. Companion J. W. N. Beamish, and other Past First Principals from Hiram Chapter No. 19, Youngstown. After the Consecration Ceremony the Officers were installed by myself, with Rt. Ex. Companion H. E. Bentley, as Grand Director of Ceremonies. Quite a number of Companions from Saskatchewan were present and this made the proceedings very enjoyable.

On June 18th, 1949, I was again privileged to perform the ceremony of Consecration at Wapiti Chapter No. 34, at Grande Prairie. I was accompanied on this occasion by Rt. Ex. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand H.; Rt. Ex. Companion A. Peart, Grand J., and Companion Sam Harris, Past Grand Master and Charter Member of Wapiti Chapter. Again I was received with all the honours of my office and after the Consecration Ceremony the Officers were Installed and Invested by myself, with Rt. Ex. Companion H. E. Bentley acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. A very profitable and pleasant evening was concluded with a wonderful banquet for Companions and their Ladies, which was efficiently presided over by Ex. Companion Dr. R. L. Gamey, the newly-Installed First Principal. Many fine talks were given to the education and enjoyment of all.

On June 20th, 1949, accompanied by Most Ex. Companion F. J. Hand, Grand Scribe E., I journeyed to Hughenden to Consecrate Hamar Chapter No. 35, and Installed and Invested the Officers. We were joined at Wetaskiwin by Rt. Ex. Companion A. Peart, Grand J., and Rt. Ex. Companion W. L. Mundy from Edmonton, also Rt. Ex. Companion Lars Osberg, the Grand Superintendent, and a goodly number of Companions of the District were present. After the ceremonies a splendid banquet was enjoyed by all Companions and everyone was satisfied that the evening had been very instructive and worth while. Short talks were given, which were a very enjoyable part of the proceedings.

The following Chapters have qualified for General Grand Chapter Certificates and they are to be commended for their efforts:

Shekinah Chapter No. 4.	Crescent Chapter No. 24.
Kether Chapter No. 8.	Eheyeh Chapter No. 27.
Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.	Edson Chapter No. 30.
Hillvue Chapter No. 15.	Viking Chapter No. 32.
Mount Olivet No. 17.	Wapiti Chapter No. 34.
The Hiram Chapter No. 19.	Empress Chapter No. 35.

As you are no doubt aware, Alberta is a large Jurisdiction to cover, and during my term of office, I have endeavored to visit as many Chapters as I was able. In every case where visits were made I was received with all the honours possible and shown the greatest courtesy and kindness by my Companions.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for many pleasant evenings to the Officers of Chapters which I was privileged to

visit and to hope that these fraternal visitations resulted in some good for Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction.

To the Scribes E., in particular, I would offer a word of commendation, as in many respects I have found that an efficient and zealous Scribe E. makes a considerable difference in whether a Chapter is working as a harmonious whole or otherwise, and whether a Chapter is making the progress and headway that it should in its particular community.

During my visits it has impressed itself upon me that officers are very conscientious in the conferring of degrees and many Chapters have set to work some of their younger members and this is a good sign, as a working Companion is undoubtedly an asset to any Chapter.

Many social events and Special Nights were enjoyed and it is well that such events are part of our work, which must result in a more understanding membership, and Companionship in our Organization.

The following are the details of my visits to subordinate Chapters:

May 17th—Keystone Chapter No. 12—H. R. A. Degree.

May 23rd—Golden West Chapter No. 5—M. M. M. Degree.

May 28th—Empress Chapter No. 35—Consecration and Installation of Officers.

June 1st—Crescent Chapter No. 24—H. R. A. Degree.

June 9th—Strathmore Chapter—H. R. A. Degree.

June 11th—Edson Chapter No. 30—H. R. A. Degree.

June 13th—Alberta Chapter No. 1—H. R. A. Degree.

June 18th—Wapiti Chapter No. 34—Consecration and Installation of Officers.

June 20th—Hamar Chapter No. 33—Consecration and Installation of Officers.

Sept. 1st—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Regular Convocation.

Sept. 7th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—M. M. M. Degree.

Sept. 15th—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—M. M. M. & M. E. M. Degrees.

Sept. 20th—Calgary Chapter No. 11—M. M. M. Degree.

Sept. 21st—Kether Chapter No. 8—District Meeting.

Sept. 27th—Golden West Chapter No. 5—H. R. A. Degree.

Oct. 5th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—M. E. M. Degree.

Oct. 6th—Eheyeh Chapter No. 27—Regular Convocation.

Oct. 11th—Bow Valley Chapter No. 10—Regular Convocation.

- Oct. 15th—Viking Chapter No. 32—District Meeting.
 Oct. 19th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—M. M. M. & M. E. M. Degrees.
 Oct. 20th—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—H. R. A. Degree.
 Oct. 24th—Alberta Chapter No. 1—M. E. M. Degree.
 Oct. 26th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—District Meeting.
- Nov. 2nd—Crescent Chapter No. 24—H. R. A. Degree.
 Nov. 9th—Shekinah Chapter No. 4—M. M. M. Degree.
 Nov. 10th—Strathmore Chapter No. 21—H. R. A. Degree.
 Nov. 17th—Assiniboia Chapter No. 3—H. R. A. Degree.
 Nov. 22nd—Golden West Chapter No. 5—Annual Game Dinner.
 Nov. 28th—Alberta Chapter No. 1—H. R. A. Degree.
- Dec. 2nd—Capital City Chapter No. 13—District Meeting.
 Dec. 3rd—Viking Chapter No. 32—Installation of Officers.
 Dec. 7th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—Regular Convocation.
 Dec. 12th—Alberta Chapter No. 1—Election of Officers.
 Dec. 15th Wapiti Chapter No. 34—Installation of Officers.
- Jan. 4th—Crescent Chapter No. 24—Regular Convocation.
 Jan. 5th—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Regular Convocation.
 Jan. 9th—Alberta Chapter No. 1—Installation of Officers.
 Jan. 12th—Strathmore Chapter No. 21—Regular Convocation.
 Jan. 13th—Capital City Chapter No. 13—Installation of Officers.
 Jan. 17th—Calgary Chapter No. 11 and Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—
 Joint Installation of Officers.
 Jan. 24th—Keystone Chapter No. 12—Regular Convocation.
- Feb. 1st—Crescent Chapter No. 24—M. M. M. Degree.
 Feb. 2nd—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Regular Convocation.
 Feb. 16th—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—M. M. M. & M. E. M. Degree.
 Feb. 28th—Golden West Chapter No. 5—Regular Convocation.
- March 1st—Crescent Chapter No. 24—M. E. M. Degree.
 March 2nd—Eheyeh Chapter No. 27—Regular Convocation.
 March 9th—Strathmore Chapter No. 21—M. M. M. Degree.
 March 14th—Tau Cross Chapter No. 16—H. R. A. Degree.
 March 16th—Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—H. R. A. Degree.
 March 18th—Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—Regular Convocation.
 March 21st—Calgary Chapter No. 11—Regular Convocation.

March 23rd—Norwood Chapter No. 18—Regular Convocation.
 March 28th—Keystone Chapter No. 12—Regular Convocation and
 H. R. A. Degree.
 April 15th—Banff Chapter No. 20—M. E. M. Degree.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

The following Grand Representatives have been recommended and approved:

To the Grand Chapter of Virginia—M. Ex. Companion Charles F. Unruh.
 To the Grand Chapter of Arkansas—Companion Voyle D. Turner.
 To the Grand Chapter of Utah—Companion Clyde W. Picht.
 To the Grand Chapter of New York—Ex. Companion Milliard F. Roesser.
 To the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—Companion Arvid Bostrom.

I am pleased to report that no decisions or rulings have been requested or made and harmony has been greatly in evidence throughout the Jurisdiction.

CONCLUSIONS

As my term of office as your Grand Z., is finished, I want once more to thank all those who assisted me in any way to make my task lighter, my Grand Second Principal rendered me a service that could not be duplicated by any one, the Grand Third Principal, although living some distance away, found it convenient to join me on visits, and many times I had the honour of The Grand Council supporting me on these trips, and last but not least, the Grand Scribe E., who carried out his many duties in a very able and efficient manner.

As I turn over the sceptre to a worthy successor, I want to congratulate and wish him and his Officers every success in their term of office, and finally my sincere thanks for the honor you have bestowed on me in filling the office of Grand First Principal, I hope that you will be charitable in your judgment of what I have attempted to accomplish, and any mistakes I have made, you will attribute them to the head and not the heart. Fraternally submitted,

J. L. INNES, Grand Z.

On the motion of M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, it was resolved that the address of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were requested to assemble before the altar and were welcomed by the Grand First Principal. Fraternal greetings and expressions of goodwill were conveyed by the various Grand Representatives and these were received by the Grand First Principal who requested that each representative convey by letter the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

California	Rt. Ex. Comp. N. B. Williams.
District of Columbia	Most Ex. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison.
Idaho	Most Ex. Comp. J. L. Innes.
Illinois	Rt. Ex. Comp. R. C. Rankin.
Iowa	Rt. Ex. Comp. J. W. Verge.
Ireland	Most Ex. Comp. C. H. Minchin.
Louisiana	Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred Bentley.
Maine	Rt. Ex. Comp. C. F. Floyd.
Manitoba	Rt. Ex. Comp. J. M. Donaldson.
Maryland	Most. Ex. Comp. A. L. Williams.
Massachusetts	Most Ex. Comp. E. G. Ellerton.
Michigan	Most. Ex. Comp. J. E. Rannard.
Missouri	V. Ex/ Comp. A. L. Watkins.
Montana	Rt. Ex. Comp. James Cleave.
Montana	Most Ex. Comp. T. J. Cumberland.
Nebraska	Most Ex. Comp. R. M. Lambertson.
New Brunswick	Most Ex. Comp. Harold E. Bentley.
New South Wales	Rt. Ex. Comp. Frank Mayer.
New Zealand	Rt. Ex. Comp. T. S. Jeffery.
North Carolina	Most Ex. Comp. W. A. Irving.
North Dakota	Most Ex. Comp. J. V. Follett.
Oklahoma	Rt. Ex. Comp. H. W. Foid.
Pennsylvania	Most Ex. Comp. A. B. McCurdy.
Queensland	Rt. Ex. Comp. C. Scaife.
Quebec	Rt. Ex. Comp. F. W. Keyte.
South Carolina	Most Ex. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.
Tennessee	Rt. Ex. Comp. O. W. Harris.
Texas	Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Carr.
Utah	V. Ex. Comp. W. V. Saunders.
Vermont	Most Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey.
Virginia	Rt. Ex. Comp. C. Comba.
Washington	Rt. Ex. Comp. George Grieve.
West Virginia	Most Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand.
Wyoming	Rt. Ex. Comp. H. D. Fawcett.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams of regret at unavoidable absence were received from M.E. Comp. W. E. Pool, General Grand Custodian of the Work, Grand Chapter of Minnesota; M.E. Comp. T. Sellar Cook, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Manitoba; Rt. E. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada; M.E. Comp. Fred W. Dean, Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Canada; M.E. Comp. Geo. Hugh Mackay, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Communications were read from: M.E. Comp. H. Sandilands, M.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, R.E. Comp. A. C. Burnup, R.E. Comp. H. D. Fawcett.

Letter from M.E. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, with information regarding the Regional meeting at Regina, also a letter of trip to Alaska, extracts were read of the visit to Alberta on their trip home.

Letter from M.E. Comp. W. B. Saunders, Gillett, Wyoming, thanking the Grand Chapter for the notice of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation and giving the information that this was twenty-five years that he has had the pleasure of representing the Province of Alberta.

Letter from R.E. Comp. Lawrence G. Kincheloe, informing the Grand Chapter of his visit to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, representing Alberta, and sending warm fraternal greetings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Warrants respectfully submit that no application for Warrants or any matter appertaining thereto was referred to it for consideration.

Faternally submitted,

J. W. G. Morrison (Chairman)

F. J. Hand

M. M. Downey

J. T. Cumberland

A. L. Williams

On the motion of M.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M.E. Comp. F. J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

Grand Superintendent's Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Ex. Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Edson Chapter No. 30—On June 11th, accompanied by M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand First Principal, R.E. Companion Alf Peart, Grand Third Principal and other Grand Chapter officers, I made my official visit to this Chapter, the weather conditions were good, eighteen Officers and Companions and twenty-seven visitors were present. Conferring of the three Degrees by the Officers of Three Edmonton Chapters, Capital City Chapter No. 13, North Star Chapter No. 2, and Norwood Chapter No. 18, also the investing of the Grand Organist, V.E. Companion S. W. Bridges by the Grand First Principal. This Chapter is surmounting difficult situations which existed and will show excellent progress from now on. The books and records of this Chapter are kept in an excellent manner.

Capital City Chapter No. 13—On May 13th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter at the Regular Convocation, weather conditions were good, thirty-seven Officers and Companions and one visitor were present, the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter in a very pleasing manner. This Chapter has a fine slate of officers and all work is conducted in a very efficient manner, the books and records are well kept.

North Star Chapter No. 2—On January 19th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter the Regular Convocation and General Business was conducted, weather conditions were good, twenty-nine Officers and Companions and eight visitors were present, this Chapter has a fine slate of officers and all work is conducted in an efficient manner, the books and records are very well kept.

Norwood Chapter No. 18—On February 23rd, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, weather conditions were good, sixteen Officers and Companions and nine visitors were present. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter in an excellent manner. This Chapter is doing very good work and hopes to again attain a 10% increase in membership this year. The books and records are very well kept.

Wapiti Chapter No. 34—On March 17th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, weather conditions were cold with drifting roads. Fourteen Officers and Companions were present. The regular business was

conducted with dispatch, attendance at this meeting small due to bad roads. This Chapter has a fine slate of officers and doing excellent work.

District Meeting—The District Meeting was held at Edmonton on December 2nd, all Chapters were represented. Rt. E. Comp. W. L. Mundy was chosen Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year. No questions of importance were submitted. This meeting was well attended and concluded with a very inspiring address given by Companion Rabbi Hurwitz.

In a summary of the year's work I find that all Chapters have exalted new members and that each Chapter has a fine slate of officers for the year 1950.

I wish to express my thanks to every Chapter and the Companions of District No. 1, for the confidence placed in me and trust that I have in some manner justified that confidence.

Fraternally submitted,

L. B. McCOOMB,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 1.

DISTRICT NO. 2

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2, for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

The Hiram Chapter No. 19—On June 13th, I made my official visit to this Chapter, there were twelve Officers and Companions present. Weather conditions were good. This being a Regular Convocation the business was conducted with precision and despatch. This Chapter has been a little backward owing to weather conditions and scattered membership. They are now going ahead and prospects are very good, the books and records are well kept.

Empress Chapter No. 35—On August 18th, I made my official visit to this Chapter, there were twelve Officers and Companions and four visitors present. Weather conditions good. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers and the small attendance was due to harvest conditions. The books and records are well kept.

On Saturday, May 28th, I again visited this Chapter on an Emergent Convocation and was accompanied by M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand First Prinipal, R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand Second Principal and other Grand Chapter Officers. This meeting was called for the Consecration and Installation of Officers by the Grand

Chapter Officers. This was proceeded with the usual dispatch. After this was done the Officers were duly installed and invested. There were fourteen Officers and Companions and seventeen visitors present.

Hanna Chapter No. 28—On September 19th I made my official visit to this Chapter. Weather conditions were fair and cool. Eighteen Officers and Companions and seven visitors were present. This being a Regular Convocation, the business was conducted very well, the books and records are well kept. This Chapter has very good prospects and is in good shape.

Eheyeh Chapter No. 27—On October 6th I made my official visit to this Chapter; weather conditions good; twenty Officers and Companions and ten visitors were present. This being a Regular Convocation, the business was conducted in a very businesslike manner. Benevolent work is being carried out in the assistance to needy causes. The books and records are very well kept.

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10—On October 11th, accompanied by M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand First Principal, and R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand Second Principal, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The weather conditions were good; ten Officers and Companions and six visitors were present. This being a Regular Convocation, the business was conducted in a businesslike manner. The books and records are well kept. This Chapter has good prospects and is in a healthy condition.

Harmony Chapter No. 26—On October 26th I paid an official visit to this Chapter; weather conditions were good; six Officers and Companions and five visitors were present. This being a Regular Convocation, the business was conducted very well. Very poor attendance due to unforeseen circumstances, but everything was done by the Companions present to make the visit a pleasant one.

District Meeting—The District Meeting was held at Hanna on October 17th. The Grand Superintendent, R.E. Companion J. W. N. Beamish, was introduced, accorded the grand honours, and invited to the East to assume the sceptre and conduct the business of the District Meeting. Owing to a bad blizzard no members from west of Hanna were present; however, thirty-three were in attendance and an enthusiastic meeting was held. It was very unfortunate that no Grand Chapter Officers from Calgary were able to attend; a wire was received as follows: "Storm conditions make it impossible to get through tonight. Sorry to miss your meeting. My regrets to all. Signed, J. Innes, Grand First Principal."

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10, Harmony Chapter No. 26, Eheyeh Chapter No. 27 and The Hiram Chapter No. 19 were not represented, owing to the storm.

Very encouraging reports from the Chapters who were able to be present were read. Ex. Companion J. Campbell, of Empress Chapter No. 35, was chosen Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year, subject to approval of the Grand First Principal.

Ex. Companion A. L. Harvey gave a paper entitled "Royal Arch

Masonry and the Holy Bible," which was much appreciated by the Companions.

In a summary of my year's work, I find that all Chapters have made gains, and are officered by a fine slate of Officers, who are very keen in their work and are making every effort to advance Royal Arch Masonry to a higher plane.

I wish to express my thanks to every Chapter for their hearty co-operation during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. N. BEAMISH,

Grand Superintendent

District No. 2.

DISTRICT NO. 3

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for the past Grand Chapter year.

Alberta Chapter No. 1—On December 12th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, one of their Regular Meetings. No degree work was done; however, interesting material was brought up, showing the keen spirit and interest of all the Companions. One item worthy of note was their discussion on life memberships to Companions who had served the Chapter well for a long period of years. Twenty-two members including ten Officers were present, also eight visitors. I also visited this Chapter on several occasions when degree work was conferred and found that all work was done in a very creditable manner. Inspection of books and records shows that they are in good shape.

Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—On my official visit, October 20th, the H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter. Sixty-one members were present and forty visitors. This Chapter is making wonderful progress, having made a gain of forty-three over last year's returns, and much of this fine showing is due to their Principal, Very Ex. Companion George Acton. Their meetings are always enjoyable and great credit is due to their Scribe E., Companion Jack Cowey, for the very efficient manner he keeps the books and brings forth his minutes and material for the attention of the Chapter.

Calgary Chapter No. 11—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on several occasions when degree work was being done and on all occasions I found that the Officers were very keen and well versed in all parts. I paid my official visit on December 20th, when there was an attendance of thirty-eight members and nine visitors. No work was done on this occasion but healthy discussions were held

on their social activities and their interest in granting Life Memberships to some of their Companions of long membership. I found that their books are well kept, and all is being carried out in an orderly manner.

Keystone Chapter No. 12—On January 24th I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter officially, at which time I installed the Officers for the ensuing term. Due to the very cold weather (47 below), the attendance was not large; however, the spirit of the Companions present showed that they were all very keenly interested in their Chapter, and on three visits when degrees were conferred, this spirit showed that they were masters of their work. They are now making good progress and in a very short time will have a very enviable record. They are in good financial standing and their records are in good shape.

Banff Chapter No. 20—This Chapter suffered a fire loss in June, 1949, and due to this they have had a slight inactivity. However, they are now well on the way to being their old selves again. On April 15th all Chapters in the District paid them a fraternal visit, when The Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, paid his official visit. I joined with the Companions on this occasion, when the attendance was twenty-two of their own Companions and forty-seven visitors. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all and the thanks of all the visiting Companions goes out for their kindness. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred on one candidate in an excellent manner, adding further enjoyment to an evening of fine fellowship. Their books and records are well kept, but due to their fire loss their finances are at a low ebb. However, I am sure that this will soon be corrected.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21—My official visit to this Chapter was on November 10th, when the H.R.A. Degree was conferred, but it takes no official visit to this Chapter to find out the fine spirit prevailing among its members and the excellent work done at all times. This is one Chapter that everyone is proud to visit. Masonry here is well exemplified in all of its tenets and all visits have been most enlightening. Their financial standing is sound and their records are very well kept, showing a steady progress.

Crescent Chapter No. 24—I paid my official visit to this, my own Chapter, on December 7th. No work was being conferred that evening, but thirty-two members and four visitors were present. All degree work done by the officers of this Chapter has been very well carried out. Goodwill prevails and attendance at all meetings is good. Financially they are in good shape and all books are kept in good order.

District Meeting—The District Meeting was held on October 26th, in Crescent Masonic Hall, Calgary. All Chapters were in attendance with the exception of Banff Chapter.

The Chapter was opened by the officers of Crescent Chapter No. 24. R.E. Companion R. J. Smith was introduced by V.E. Companion C. F. Dooley, accorded the grand honours, welcomed and requested to assume the sceptre. He then requested R.E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie to retire and introduce the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion

J. L. Innes, who was accompanied by M.E. Companions H. W. B. Bell, F. J. Hand, R.E. Companions H. E. Bentley, A. Anderson, J. J. Malkin, J. M. Donaldson, G. R. Hains and V.E. Companion T. F. Jones, was accorded the grand honours, welcomed and requested to assume the sceptre. Before returning the sceptre, he thanked the Companions for their welcome and hoped that all would gain instruction by their attendance.

Encouraging reports were given by the respective Chapters, showing progress was being made by all and that bright prospects in the future were anticipated by all.

After the address given by your District Superintendent, a hearty discussion was held on the subject of the suggested mandatory examination of all Exalted Companions to the H.R.A. Degree and it was proposed that this suggested examination be brought up by the Grand Superintendent at the next Grand Chapter Executive Committee meeting.

V.E. Companion P. J. Russell of Calgary Chapter was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand First Principal.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. SMITH,

Grand Superintendent

District No. 3.

DISTRICT NO. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Shekinah Chapter No. 4 The date of my official visit to this Chapter was November 9th. There were thirty-two Officers and Companions and ten visitors present. Weather conditions were good. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers in a very commendable manner. The books and records are well kept. Future prospects are very good.

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3 My official visit was made to this Chapter on November 17th. There were forty Officers and Companions and five visitors present. Weather conditions favourable. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter in an excellent manner. The books and records are well kept. All candidates must

pass an examination in the Degree he has been admitted in before he can receive further degrees. Benevolent work is being done to good effect. This Chapter is very active and has good prospects.

Golden West Chapter No. 5—The date of my official visit to this Chapter was November 22nd. There were fifty Officers and Companions and eighty-four visitors present. This was the Annual Game Supper, which is becoming one of the landmarks of Golden West and has attracted many Companions from all parts of the Province. This was another outstanding meeting, with lectures and talks by Companions who have visited Chapters in England and United States. Books and records are very well kept. This Chapter has excellent prospects and a very favourable outlook.

Tau Cross Chapter No. 16—On March 14th I paid my official visit to this Chapter ;weather conditions good. Thirty-one Officers and Companions and twenty-five visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner. The books and records are very well kept. Future prospects are very good.

Hillvue Chapter No. 15—On April 21st I paid my official visit to this Chapter; weather conditions good. Twenty-nine Officers and Companions and ten visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter in a very favourable manner. The books and records are very well kept. Prospects of this Chapter are very favourable.

Kether Chapter No. 8—On April 20th I paid my official visit to this Chapter; weather conditions fair. Twenty-one Companions were present. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers in a very excellent manner. The books and records are well kept. Benevolence has been practiced with good effect. Prospects for this Chapter are very good.

District Meeting—The District Meeting of District No. 4 was held in Pincher Creek on September 21st, with all Chapters reporting. The reports were well received and showed keen interest in the work of the Chapters. The highlight of the meeting was the address by M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand First Principal, and R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand Second Principal. Ex. Companion Charles Lawrence of Hillvue Chapter No. 15 was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, subject to confirmation by the Grand First Principal.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Companions who elected me to this high office and wish them every success during the years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER MARCELLUS,

Grand Superintendent,

District No. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 5

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 for the past Grand Chapter year.

This is a newly formed District in the Northeastern part of the Province. It has five Chapters, two of the oldest Chapters in the Province, Vermilion Chapter No. 14 and Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17. Both Chapters are very active and are doing a lot for Capitular Masonry in this part of the Province. I appreciate the support and assistance that these two Chapters have given me, and the good example they set for the younger Chapters of the District. They are, and always will be, considered the main stem of this District. They are keenly interested in the welfare of the whole District, and are doing everything in their power to help the younger Chapters along.

VISITS

Viking Chapter No. 32—My first official visit was made to my home Chapter, Viking No. 32, on July 26th. Weather and road conditions were perfect and twenty members were present. The Officers opened the Chapter in regular form at 8:30 p.m. sharp and the regular Chapter business was conducted in a very efficient manner. Chapter was closed in prescribed form at 9:30 p.m. and a Lodge of M.E.M. opened and the degree of M.E.M. was conferred by the regular Officers. The Officers of Viking Chapter are to be congratulated for the very efficient manner work was done, not only in this particular degree, but every degree conferred.

Viking Chapter No. 32 is one of the youngest Chapters, but financially they are in a healthy condition and the books and all records are kept in good shape. They are housed in their own Lodge Hall, which is owned jointly by the Elks, the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Masons. The Hall is used exclusively for Lodge purposes by these three Lodges. The Lodge of M.E.M. was closed at 11:00 p.m., after which a lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed. From the interest shown both during business transactions and Degree work, as well as the fraternal feeling which prevails among the Companions, I would say that Viking Chapter is well on the way to a bright future.

Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—I paid my official visit to Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17 on their Regular Convocation, August 17th; the weather was very warm and dry and the roads in good condition. There were twenty-five members and four visitors present.

This Chapter was opened in regular form and the Chapter business conducted in a very able manner by the Officers. Mount Olivet Chapter will have a very busy year as there were several applications for exaltation received and dealt with at this Convocation. The books and all records are well cared for by R.E. Companion W. Smith, Jr. The financial position is very good. The Chapter was closed at 9:45 p.m. in prescribed form, and a Lodge of M.E.M. opened and the Degree of

M.E.M. was conferred on several candidates by the Officers in a very able manner. Lodge was closed at 10:30 p.m., after which lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

This Chapter has several old Royal Arch Masons, and at this particular time contributed much, as there were several short talks given which were very instructive to the younger members. I also had the honour of being present on October 18th when the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, accompanied by R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, paid his official visit to Mount Olivet Chapter. While I regret that there was no degree work exemplified, I am sure that the Companions of District No. 5 will agree with me that the evening was well worth the time, as several questions were answered and signs demonstrated in an open Lodge of instruction.

Hamar Chapter No. 33—I paid my official visit to Hamar Chapter No. 33 on September 19th; road and weather conditions fair. There were thirteen members and one visitor present. The Chapter opened at 8:00 p.m., and the business was conducted in a very efficient manner by the regular Officers. There were two candidates reported in waiting and the Chapter closed in prescribed form at 9:00 p.m.

A Lodge of M.M.M. was opened and the degree of M.M.M. then conferred in a very efficient manner by the regular Officers. The books and all records are well kept and up to date. The finances of Hamar Chapter are in a satisfactory condition and the Chapter is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which everything is done. I have no doubt that Hamar Chapter will make great progress. The Lodge closed at 11:00 p.m., when lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

I also had the honour of being present at the consecration of Hamar Chapter No. 33, when the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion J. L. Innes, accompanied by M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, Grand Scribe E., and R.E. Companion A. Peart, Grand Third Principal, on his official visit and consecration of Hamar Chapter No. 33.

I also had the pleasure of again visiting Hamar Chapter on March 20th on the occasion of the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Weather and road conditions had prevented Hamar Chapter from holding any Convocations during the winter months. A very good slate of Officers were installed and invested. I also at this time had the opportunity of inspecting their proposed new Lodge room. This is a very good building on Main Street, which will give them a Lodge room 24 x 34, with a large kitchen and anteroom, a much better setup than the present hall.

Vermilion Chapter No. 14—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on January 10th, fifteen members being present. It was very cold and stormy and road conditions very bad. I found it necessary to drive around by Wainwright in order to get to Vermilion; these conditions would account for the small attendance of fifteen members present. The Chapter was opened in regular form and the business conducted in a very able manner by the regular Officers. The books and all records are in excellent shape. The financial position is very good and this Chapter is very active and is contributing much for the good of

Capitular Masonry. There was no degree work, but several applications for exaltation were received and it would appear that Vermilion Chapter will have an active year. A very instructive evening was spent as Most Excellent Companion J. W. G. Morrison gave a very instructive talk on Masonry in general. After the Chapter was closed in prescribed form at 10:30 p.m., a lunch was served and a very nice social evening enjoyed when several Companions contributed some well worth while material. I have visited Vermilion Chapter on several other occasions and have always found the trip to be well worth the effort.

Parklands Chapter No. 31--I paid my official visit to this Chapter on January 26th. The weather was very cold and most of the roads were blocked, which would account for the small attendance, as there were only eight members present. The Chapter opened in the regular form at 8:30 p.m., and regular Chapter business conducted in an able manner by the regular Officers. Several applications for exaltation were received and dealt with in the regular manner. The books and all records are kept in good shape and financially they are in good shape. As there were two candidates for the M.M.M. Degree, the Chapter was closed in prescribed form at 9:30 p.m. and a Lodge of M.M.M. was opened and the Degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. I also revisited this Chapter on their next Regular Convocation in February, when they exemplified the M.E.M. Degree. Parklands Chapter is working under difficulties by having the Officers away from town and therefore find it rather hard to hold practice meetings, but very good work is shown. I also had the pleasure of being asked to attend their December meeting for the purpose of installing the Officers for the ensuing year. The newly installed Officers took the chairs and closed the Chapter in prescribed form at 11:00 p.m. On all these occasions, a social hour was enjoyed. I must say that the Masonic spirit and fraternal feeling is high amongst the Companions and I have no doubt but that Parklands Chapter will show great progress.

District Meeting--The District Meeting was held in Viking on October 15th. The Chapter was opened by the Officers of Viking Chapter and R.E. Companion Lars Osberg, Grand Superintendent, was introduced by Companion C. R. Smith, accorded the grand honours, welcomed by Ex. Companion H. R. Brooke, First Principal of Viking Chapter, and invited to the East to assume the sceptre. R.E. Companion Lars Osberg, assisted by V.E. Companion J. H. Cochrane and R.E. Companion W. Mundy, took over the meeting. He then requested Ex. Companion H. R. Brooke to retire and introduce the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion J. L. Innes, and other Grand Chapter Officers, who were accorded the Grand Honours. After a few words of welcome, M.E. Companion J. L. Innes was invited to the East to assume the sceptre. M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, in a few well chosen words, thanked the Companions and expressed his appreciation and hoped that the meeting would be instructive and give light and guidance to all.

Very encouraging reports were given on behalf of their respective Chapters by representatives from each of the five Chapters in the

District. It shows that progress is being made and a bright prospect for the future all over the District.

V.E. Companion J. H. Cochrane of Hamar Chapter No. 33 was chosen Grand Superintendent for District No. 5 for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand First Principal.

In summary of the year's work, I find that all Chapters have exalted new members and each Chapter has a well chosen slate of Officers for the year 1950. While some of the Chapters are young, they are in a good healthy condition and are willing as well as looking for light and guidance from their Mother Chapters. I therefore have no hesitation in predicting that District No. 5 is well on the way to prosperity.

I wish to express my thanks to every Chapter and to each Companion of the District for the warm welcome and hearty co-operation extended me through the year. My special thanks to M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand First Principal, and all Grand Chapter Officers for their valued assistance. During my term of office I have travelled 1,650 miles and attended thirty Chapter meetings.

Fraternally submitted,

LARS OSBERG,

Grand Superintendent,

District No. 5.

Report of the Grand Scribe E.

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companies of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have the pleasure of presenting my report for the past Grand Chapter year, ending February 28th, 1950, together with the Grand Treasurer's financial statements and the Auditor's reports.

We have passed through a busy and successful year, much has been accomplished, returns have been received from all Chapters and Scribe E, are to be commended on their co-operation.

Our present membership shows a net increase of 214 for the past year ending December 31st, 1949.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Number of Chapters	29
Number of Chapters making returns	29
Number of members as at December 31st, 1948	2,334

INCREASE

Admissions	257
Affiliations	23
Restorations	3

DECREASE

Demitted	23
Deleted	9
Deaths	37
Number of members as at December 31st, 1949	2,548
Net Increase — 214.	

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS STATEMENT

Name	No.	Amount Received		
Alberta	1	208.16		
North Star	2	177.40	2.35	.20
Assiniboia	3	172.75		13.75
Shekinah	4	198.04	8.40	
Golden West	5	118.25		6.00
Kether	8	125.90	8.15	
Otuskwan	9	447.88	9.93	
Bow Valley	10	42.75		8.00
Calgary	11	151.16	4.95	
Keystone	12	235.43		22.10
Capital City	13	210.22		2.78
Vermilion	14	95.01	6.00	
Hillvue	15	67.23		.30
Tau Cross	16	54.45		2.95
Mount Olivet	17	130.27		
Norwood	18	64.51		
The Hiram	19	58.45	7.34	
Banff	20	65.58	9.47	
Strathmore	21	38.56	96.02	
Crescent	24	216.15	2.50	
Harmony	26	72.50	19.57	
Eheyeh	27	162.15	30.61	
Hanna	28	76.50	3.75	
Edson	30	90.00		1.75

Parklands	31	97.65	132.90	
Viking	32	51.25		2.25
Hamar	33	45.50	15.73	
Wapiti	34	205.95	11.25	
Empress	35	116.00	94.16	
		3,795.65	463.08	60.08

AFFILIATIONS

North Star No. 2	C. Wylie, F. J. Higginson, J. Christianson,
	G. R. Barnhill
Assiniboia No. 3	F. E. Haley
Shekinah No. 4	E. L. Woodbury, G. Williamson
Kether No. 8	G. E. D. Holley
Otuskwan No. 9	N. G. Rusk, J. R. Anderson, D. Rodgers, C. C. Cross
Calgary No. 11	C. Neill
Keystone No. 12	H. N. Fisher
Mount Olivet No. 17	W. J. E. Holt
Norwood No. 18	W. Alexander, J. Johnstone
The Hiram No. 19	O. E. Samuelson
Edson No. 30	C. S. Larsen
Viking No. 32	W. R. Oliver
Hamar No. 33	N. C. Wadsworth
Empress No. 35	L. R. Clevette

RESTORATIONS

Assiniboia No. 3	R. S. Beattie
Shekinah No. 4	O. B. Edgett
Golden West No. 5	A. J. Middleton

DEMITTED

North Star No. 2	H. E. Fryer, W. Campbell, W. H. Brown,
	G. Hutchinson, E. T. Longman, F. Taylor
Golden West No. 5	W. Varty
Otuskwan No. 9	J. V. Heffernan
Calgary No. 11	G. Drever, W. R. Stillings
Keystone No. 12	W. T. H. Cripps, A. C. Wagner
Capital City No. 13	W. Masson
Vermilion No. 14	A. L. Macumber, L. L. Clevette
Mount Olivet No. 17	N. C. Wadsworth
Norwood No. 18	T. J. Davies
Banff No. 20	J. C. Brown
Strathmore No. 21	F. R. Reeves, L. R. Melvin
Harmony No. 26	H. A. Treend
Eheyeh, No. 27	R. H. Warwick
Hanna No. 28	C. Wylie

DELETED

Alberta No. 1	R. V. Johnson
North Star No. 2	T. Price, F. M. Robinson
Assiniboia No. 3	E. Henline
Golden West No. 5	C. G. Matthews
Otuskwan No. 9	W. F. McKinley, N. G. Lacey
Banff No. 20	W. D. Whyte, E. G. Morris

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Audit and Finance Committee,
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

(1) I have audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1950, and submit herewith:

- (a) Treasurer's Statement.
- (b) Benevolence Fund Statement.
- (c) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (d) Constituent Chapters Statement.
- (e) Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1950.

(2) I have inspected the securities in (b) and (e) and find them to be in accordance with the records.

(3) Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by the G.S.E. who certifies them to be correct.

HENRY W. FORD, C.A.
Auditor.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1949	\$4,060.20
Received from Cons. Chapters	3,795.65
Cash Sales, supplies	4.50
Page in Proceedings	5.00
Interest	316.75
Refund, Rent	10.00
Redemption, War Savings Certificates	800.00
Redemption Dominion Bonds	200.00
	<u>\$9,192.10</u>

Payments

Order on Treasurer	\$3,050.55
Bank S.D. Box	5.00
Exchange	7.48
Dominion of Canada Bonds	2,022.50
Accrued Interest on Bonds	15.70
Balance in Bank	\$2,551.44
Cash Balance	1,539.43
	<u>\$9,192.10</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on hand and in Bank		\$4,090.87
Due from Chapters	\$ 463.08	
Less Credit balances	60.08	403.00
	<u>4,722.50</u>	
Dominion Bonds at Cost	4,722.50	
Less Due Benevolence Fund	2,540.00	2,182.50
	<u></u>	
Inventories:		
Chapter supplies	941.44	
Office supplies	223.99	
Prepaid Insurance	9.95	1,175.38
	<u></u>	<u>\$7,851.75</u>

Surplus	
At February 28, 1949	\$6,398.38
Surplus for the year	1,462.01
	7,860.39
Less Mt. Horeo written off	8.64
	\$7,851.75

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT

Expenses

Grand Convocation:

Proceedings	\$ 394.27	
Notices	11.34	
Nomination Forms	6.48	
Ballots	9.18	
Hall Rent	15.00	
Grand Tyler	5.00	
Entertainment	75.00	\$ 516.27

Travelling:

Grand Z.	250.00	
Grand Superintendents	100.00	350.00

Office:

Grand Scribe E.	360.00	
Rent and Storage	240.00	
Audit Fee	25.00	
Insurance	12.90	
Express and Postage	52.41	
Engrossing	15.00	
Supplies	129.57	
Bank S.D. Box	5.00	
Exchange	7.33	
Miscellaneous	5.40	852.61

General:

General Grand Chapter Dues	42.22	
General Grand Chapter Conference	73.55	
Royal Arch Mason Booklet	29.00	
Reports, Gr. Supt. Visit	9.72	
Hon. Membership Cards	15.39	
Grand Z. Regalia	155.36	
Grand Supt. Jewel	36.00	
August Entertainment	111.86	
Christmas Cards	13.77	
Obituary, Cards and Flowers	16.55	
Loss, Chapter Supplies	115.74	619.16

Balance to Surplus	2,338.04	
	1,462.01	
	\$3,800.05	

Revenue

Affiliations		\$ 18.00
Certificates:		
Life		64.00
Membership		1,295.00
Past Principals		20.00
Warrants and Dispensations		95.00
Per Capita Dues		1,707.00
Interest, 7½ yrs. on War Savings Certificates		200.00
Interest Dominion Bonds	\$ 116.75	
Less Accrued on 1949 Purchases	15.70	101.05
Sales of Regalia from Defunct Chapters		300.00
		<u>\$3,800.05</u>

Benevolence Fund Statement

As at February 28th, 1949	\$2,690.00
Less Grants Paid	150.00
Surplus Feb. 28th, 1950	<u>\$2,540.00</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has read with interest and appreciation the report of the activities of M.E. Comp. J. L. Innes.

We bow our heads in sympathetic accord with his graceful tribute to those who have passed beyond the Veils. We will miss the guidance of Most Excellent Companion Norman T. Macleod, who has been a tower of strength in Southern Alberta. Most Ex. Companion Macleod has served the Southern part of Alberta and the Kootenays in British Columbia well.

Today we join with the Grand Z. in welcoming the many distinguished Masons who are with us today as our guests. We particularly welcome M.E. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and his Officers who accompanied him.

The dispensations of the Grand First Principal were purely routine and we endorse his action in each case. We note the approval of the By-laws of four of the Chapters. The changes made were in accord with the Constitution.

We congratulate M.E. Comp. Innes on being able to visit twenty-one of the Constituent Chapters in the jurisdiction and being in attendance at all District Meetings. We rejoice with him that when visiting two of our Sister Jurisdictions the Honorary rank of a Past Grand First Principal was conferred on him. We note with pleasure that the Grand Z. was able to constitute and consecrate the three new Chapters which had been granted Charters last year.

We join with the Grand Z. in his commendation of the Constituent Chapters which have qualified for General Grand Chapter certificates.

Your committee rejoice that the loyalty of the Officers of Grand Chapter has been so pronounced and that in every part of the jurisdiction in which the Grand Z. visited, he was received with greatest enthusiasm.

The Grand Z's reference to the forward march of Royal Arch Masonry and his showing of an increase of 214 in membership is such that we can all rejoice in. We tender to our Grand Z. sincere thanks for the service he has rendered to Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY (Chairman)
GEO. B. McLEOD
J. W. G. MORRISON
H. W. B. BELL
E. G. ELLERTON
E. G. IRONSIDES

J. V. FOLLETT
C. H. MINCHIN
A. B. McCURDY
T. J. CUMBERLAND
R. M. LAMBERTSON
W. A. IRVING
A. L. WILLIAMS

CHAPTER RETURNS

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER	WHERE HELD	REGULAR CONVOCACTIONS	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z - 1950
1.	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	K. J. Mitchell
2.	North Star	Edmonton	3rd Thursday	W. D. McAllister
3.	Assinibola	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	W. G. Hartley
4.	Shekinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	T. C. W. Paul Jones
5.	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	T. C. Weidenhamer
6.	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	Bryan Walker
9.	Otuskwan	Calgary	1st Thursday	F. L. Colwell
10.	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	A. E. Thorssen
11.	Calgary	Calgary	3rd Tuesday	J. Duncan
12.	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	G. A. Thubron
13.	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	Wm. McGruther
14.	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	G. C. Webb
15.	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Friday	J. R. McLeod
16.	Tau Cross	Claresholm	2nd Tuesday	H. E. Hunt
17.	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	H. V. Phipps
18.	Norwood	Edmonton	4th Thursday	F. Tomlinson
19.	The Hiram	Youngstown	2nd Thursday	K. H. Walker
20.	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	A. W. Kevath
21.	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	P. W. Slater
24.	Crescent	Calgary	1st Wednesday	J. W. Gibson
26.	Harmony	Bassano	4th Wednesday	J. B. Wallace
27.	Eheyeh	Drumheller	1st Thursday	C. H. Ritchie
28.	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Monday	L. E. Helmer
30.	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	F. C. Reynolds
31.	Parklands	Wainwright	4th Thursday	L. W. Smith
32.	Viking	Viking	4th Friday	Goddard T. Loney
33.	Hamar	Hughenden	3rd Monday	J. H. Cochran
34.	Wapiti	Grande Prairie	3rd Friday	N. H. Swallow
35.	Empress	Empress	3rd Thursday	O. M. Leach

TO DECEMBER 31st, 1949

SCRIBE E. 1950	SCRIBE E. ADDRESS	Members Dec. 31, 1948	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Deletions	Death	Members Dec. 31, 1949	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
F. J. Hand	1717 - 28th Ave. W. Calgary ..	165	13	.....	.....	.....	1	3	174	9	.....	.....
G. A. Kirby	10615 - 83rd Ave., Edmonton ..	152	11	5	.....	6	2	8	152	.....	.....	.....
J. D. Tufford	1226 - 3rd Ave., Medicine Hat	157	11	1	1	.....	1	2	167	10	.....	.....
Harvey Hill	1126 - 13th St., Lethbridge	132	17	2	1	.....	.....	4	148	16	.....	.....
A. L. Watkins	High River	109	7	.....	1	1	1	2	113	4	.....	.....
F. Dunlop	Pincher Creek	50	9	1	.....	.....	.....	1	59	9	.....	.....
John Cowey	802 Boulevard N.W., Calgary ..	244	37	4	.....	1	2	1	281	37	.....	.....
S. Hampton	Mossleigh	44	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46	2	.....	.....
W. F. Manders	1303 - 17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	130	6	1	.....	2	.....	2	133	3	.....	.....
G. R. Stirling	5528 - 45th Ave., Red Deer ..	83	10	1	.....	2	.....	3	89	6	.....	.....
H. S. Baird	9807 - 83rd Ave., Edmonton	122	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	131	9	.....	.....
H. P. Long	Vermilion	63	6	.....	.....	2	.....	1	66	3	.....	.....
C. Lawrence	Hillcrest	35	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	5	.....	.....
E. H. Mack	Clareholm	58	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	4	.....	.....
Wm. Smith, Jr.	Forestburg	60	14	1	.....	1	.....	2	72	12	.....	.....
Geo. Grieve	11332 - 65th St., Edmonton	43	4	2	.....	1	.....	2	46	3	.....	.....
J. Williams	Youngstown	49	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	5	.....	.....
T. W. Balderston ..	Banff	72	4	.....	.....	1	2	.....	73	1	.....	.....
T. E. Wright	Strathmore	73	10	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	80	7	.....	.....
J. T. Burns	225 - 13th Ave. N.W., Calgary	97	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	115	18	.....	.....
L. C. Spivey	Bassano	68	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....
Alex Nicol	Drumheller	94	13	.....	.....	1	.....	2	104	10	.....	.....
W. G. Hay	Hanna	54	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	57	3	.....	.....
S. W. Bridges	Edson	46	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	8	.....	.....
L. Myggland	Wainwright	22	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	2	.....	.....
H. Roland Brooke ..	Viking	31	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	4	.....	.....
H. E. Betts	Hughenden	16	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	17	1	.....	.....
D. G. McGreggor ..	Grande Prairie	48	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	18	.....	.....
R. L. Hanna	Empress	17	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	5	.....	.....
		2334	257	23	3	23	9	37	2548	.....	.....	214

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND,

Grand Scribe E.

On the motion of M.E. Comp. F. J. Hand, seconded by R.E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the committee on Audit and Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has examined the reports of the Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R.E. Companion H. W. Ford, C.A., Auditor for the past Grand Chapter year ending February 28th, 1950.

(1) We recommend the acceptance of the reports of the Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Treasurer and Auditor.

(2) We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R.E. Companion H. W. Ford, C.A., be continued as Auditor for the ensuing Grand Chapter year at the same honorarium.

(3) We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1950 be awarded to the Albertan Job Press Ltd., who submitted the best tender, on the same basis as last year.

(4) We recommend that \$1,000.00 be invested in Dominion Government bonds.

In accordance with Clause C, Section 21, of the Constitution, your Committee submits the following estimate for the probable expenditure or expenses of Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1950:

Office Expense	\$ 150.00
Office Rent	120.00
Storage	120.00
Proceedings	450.00
Printing Notices	30.00
Sundries	100.00
Rent (Grand Chapter Convocation)	25.00
Tyler and Organist	10.00
Entertainment	150.00
General Grand Chapter Dues	50.00
Regalia Reserve Fund	160.00
Honorarium (Grand Scribe Ezra)	360.00
Honorarium (Auditor)	25.00
Travelling Expenses (Grand Z.)	300.00
Travelling Expenses (Grand Superintendents)	125.00
Travelling Expenses (Grand Lecturer)	50.00
Grand Chapter Conference	75.00
Total	\$2,300.00

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. W. B. BELL (Chairman)
 J. V. FOLLETT
 C. H. MINCHIN
 F. J. HAND
 R. M. LAMBERTSON
 T. S. JEFFERY
 H. E. BENTLEY

On the motion of M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, seconded by M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry reports as follows:

The reports of the Grand District Superintendents, as received from the Grand Scribe E., have been carefully examined in each item and detail. We are pleased to find the work of each Superintendent up to the excellent standards set in previous years by their predecessors. Not one Chapter in the whole jurisdiction was missed because of weather or ill health conditions, although the attendance was adversely affected in several cases by storm or extreme cold weather. One local Scribe E. omitted to notify the Companions of his Chapter of the Grand Superintendent's visit, and consequently the attendance was away below expectations. A very depressing result following a special 300-mile trip for the meeting. We trust never to hear of such a happening again in this up-to-date jurisdiction.

Minutes of District meetings were received in full from Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5, and a summary from District 1. All report excellent meetings with increased interest and good attendance. Discussions were all in the interests of the Royal Craft and our Grand First Principal is to be congratulated on being present at four of these meetings. Weather conditions alone prevented him from being at District No. 2, Hanna. This was the most unfortunate of the District Meetings, as not only was it impossible for Grand Chapter personnel to be present, but representatives from Eheyeh, Bow Valley and Harmony Chapters were kept away as well. This is a very unusual occurrence for any season of the year in Alberta, but almost unheard of before in the month of October.

The statistical record of membership for the whole Jurisdiction is excellent. Of the 29 active Chapters, all sent in returns, and 27 show a net increase, 2 remaining the same. It is a long time since at least some single Chapter did not show a decrease. Of those Chapters showing an increase, 14, or approximately 50 per cent, give the coveted 10 per cent increase over 1948. This is most encouraging and we urge our Companions to redouble their efforts and do even better for 1950.

There were 257 admissions and our total membership made a net increase of 214, just 19 short of a 10 per cent increase for the Jurisdiction. We need a net increase of 259 for 1950. Companions, will you assume this responsibility? This committee challenges you to the task.

Unpaid dues are still an eyesore in some of the Chapters. Again and again we have called attention to the Constitution on this matter. Evidently some Chapters still think it good business to carry members who are more than two years in arrears. Your committee has no intentions of being arbitrary in its suggestions, but we think some

\$150.00 to \$250.00 outstanding dues in small country Chapters is decidedly unhealthy, and needs careful watching with Masonic long suffering, and good business judgment.

We note that some of the Chapters discussed the matter of Life membership, but in no case came to any definite decision. Your committee advise "Pious Caution" instead of "laudable zeal" in this regard. Perhaps a committee from this Grand Chapter, with experienced members, might be asked to consider this question and bring in suggestions that might be a guide-post for Chapters who feel the need for some form of Life membership arrangements. This committee, of course, to have no constitutional authority, but simply to act as an advisory body.

We again request a copy of minutes of all District Meetings from District Secretary to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. Also that each District Superintendent supplement his official returns by a short written report of his own visits and to include the outstanding activities of each Chapter in his District, during his term of office; and that all these reports be in the hands of Grand Scribe E. so that this committee will have ample time to consider them.

District No. 1—All Chapters in this District made net gains except North Star No. 2. While this Chapter admitted 11 and had 5 Affiliations, it was unfortunate enough to lose the same number, 8 of whom were by death, the greatest loss of any Chapter in the Jurisdiction from this cause, and this committee, on behalf of Grand Chapter, extends its sympathy.

Edson No. 30 and Wapiti No. 34 each increased its membership by the much desired 10 per cent. We congratulate these two country Chapters for this outstanding achievement. The net gain for the 5 Chapters was 38. The District Superintendent states that each Chapter has a fine and alert slate of Officers who perform excellent ritual work and conduct their Chapter's business expeditiously. Also something not often seen in this Jurisdiction, the principal feature at the District Meeting was an inspiring address from Companion Rabbi Hurwitz.

This District has the best record for unpaid dues, only \$20.00 being outstanding for more than one year. This showing is due to the general efficiency of the Scribe E., of the individual Chapters, and hearty congratulations are offered them.

District No. 2—The outstanding event for this District occurred on May 28th, 1949, when Empress Chapter No. 35 was officially consecrated by the Grand First Principal and several Grand Chapter Officers. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors and following the consecration the Officers were installed for the ensuing year.

This new Chapter showed its mettle by being in the 10 per cent increase column for the year. We congratulate Empress Chapter and trust it will continue to increase in numbers and enthusiasm; and be of inestimable value to the community in which it is located. Each Chapter admitted one or more candidates, and each made a net gain except Harmony No. 26, which made an even break. The total increase

for the District was 25, Eheyeh No. 27 admitting 13 and made the 10 per cent increase to bring their membership to 104, the second largest Chapter outside of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

The District Meeting was unfortunate in having the weatherman cross up its well-laid plans. No representatives from Bow Valley, Eheyeh nor Harmony Chapters were able to attend, and the Grand First Principal with his escort from Calgary was also storm bound. Despite this severe handicap, the Grand Superintendent reported an excellent meeting at Hanna, and there were 33 members present. We are convinced that overcoming the difficulties of a blizzard was a somewhat easy task for R.E. Companion J. W. N. Beamish.

While this District has the largest amount of unpaid dues, the Chapters are quite active in benevolent work and are assisting in local and Provincial Charitable Organizations, and aid to the unfortunate.

District No. 3—All Chapters were very active; each admitted four or more members, Otuskwan No. 9 admitting 37 and Crescent No. 24 admitting 19, standing first and second in the Province in this respect. The net increase for the whole District was 81. Otuskwan No. 9, Crescent No. 24 and Strathmore No. 21 added 10 per cent or more to its membership.

Banff Chapter No. 20 had the misfortune to suffer a great loss of Regalia and supplies by a disastrous fire in June, but with the buoyant spirit so characteristic of the Banff Companions the Chapter is making an excellent comeback and will soon have survived their calamity. This incident should be a lesson to all Chapters to have adequate insurance on their equipment.

The Companions of this District had two outstanding events during the year: (a) In August they joined with the Grand Chapter in a dinner and reception to M.E. Companion Earl Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, and several Grand Chapter Officers who stopped off for a short visit while on their return trip from Alaska. This meeting was a highlight of the season. The addresses and information given by the visiting Officers will long be remembered by the 190 who were privileged to be present. (b) The four City Chapters united in a special social evening on April 1st, 1949, at which 343 members and their ladies relaxed and enjoyed dinner, entertainment and dance.

Another outstanding event in this District was the annual picnic for the Woods Christian Home, sponsored by Otuskwan Chapter No. 9. This annual picnic is open to all Companions of the District and we hope more visitors will be in evidence as the event comes up again in the near future.

The District Superintendent gave an excellent resume of each Chapter's activities and prospects, and has this to say of Strathmore Chapter No. 21: "It requires no official visit to this Chapter to find out the fine spirit prevailing among its members and the excellent work done at all times." To which this committee adds, AMEN!!

The District Meeting was held in Calgary and was well attended. The chief discussion centred around the matter of compulsory examination of all newly exalted Companions before receiving their apron and sash. The District Superintendent was asked to have the suggestion discussed at the Grand Chapter Executive Meeting.

District No. 4—District Meeting held at Pincher Creek; Shekinah and Assiniboia were not represented. There was a good representation from the other Chapters, and the Grand First and Second Principal were also present, both of whom contributed information and advice that was of great value to the individual Chapters.

All Chapters in this District admitted candidates, and all made a net membership gain, the total for the District being 48. Shekinah No. 4, Kether No. 8 and Hillvue No. 15 joined the 10 per cent increase group. Again Assiniboia No. 3 made an outstanding contribution to several benevolent institutions, donating a total of \$80.00 in cash. Tau Cross reported no outstanding dues.

Golden West No. 5 again presented its Annual Game Dinner meeting at its regular convocation in November. This is the spotlight event in District No. 4 and always draws a capacity number of Companions. Not only is there a feast for the body, but there is also plenty of mental nourishment and social satisfaction to well repay all the efforts put forward for its success. Again we would suggest that, like the Arabs looking forward to at least one visit to Mecca as being a necessity of a lifetime, so each Royal Arch Mason, within travelling distance, should aim at being present at least once at this annual event.

District No. 5—This District was well looked after by R.E. Comp. Lars Osberg, and the summary of the visits made, and the work accomplished by the Chapters was an excellent presentation of facts, and one that could easily be held up as a pattern for other District Superintendents to follow. The District Superintendent travelled 1,650 miles and attended 30 Chapter meetings.

This is a new District and has just completed its first year of operation. Each Chapter increased its membership by new admissions, a total of 22 for the District. Mount Olivet No. 17, Parkland No. 31 and Viking No. 32 joined the ten per cent group. We heartily congratulate our new District on this splendid showing during its infancy. The District Superintendent pays fitting tribute to the stability, support and assistance received from Vermilion No. 14 and Mount Olivet No. 17. They are looked upon as the main stem of the District, and are doing everything in their power to help the younger Chapters along. He makes this final statement: "I have no hesitation in predicting that District No. 5 is well on the way to prosperity." We trust this prophetic utterance will be amply fulfilled.

The committee congratulates the Grand First Principal on his work during the past year, especially his inspiring attendance with other Grand Chapter Officers at the District Meetings and the inspiration and assistance he has thereby rendered the Constituent Chapters.

For services well rendered, we recommend that the rank of Past District Superintendent be conferred upon R.E. Companions L. B.

McCoomb, J. W. H. Beamish, R. J. Smith, Walter Marcellus and Lars Osberg. We also recommend that an honorarium of \$25.00 be paid to each of these R.E. Companions as per Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT (Chairman)
H. W. B. BELL
E. G. ELLERTON
W. A. IRVING
R. C. RANKIN
J. W. VERGE
F. McJUNKIN

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta be received and adopted.

Most Ex. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, being called on for a few remarks, spoke briefly as follows: He congratulated the Grand Chapter on making 10 per cent gain in 1948, stating that he was very proud of the achievement and said that what you set out to do can be accomplished by work. Dispensing light and knowledge to the uninformed Master Mason and telling him all about the beautiful work in connection with Royal Arch Masonry, and although Alberta had the largest gains in membership of the Prairie Provinces there were still eleven thousand Master Masons who were not Royal Arch Masons and although he was not a believer in high pressure it was the unbounded duty of every Royal Arch Mason to explain just what it was to the uninformed Master Mason and get busy and put Alberta on the map and in closing thanked the Companions for the many courtesies extended to him on his visit to Alberta.

GRAND CHAPTER RECESSED AT 12:15.

GRAND CHAPTER RESUMED LABOUR AT 2:15 P.M.

BALLOT CLOSED

The Grand First Principal then enquired if all Companions had balloted, after which the ballot was declared closed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Nothing requiring the attention of your committee has been submitted. We commend the Chapters on the harmony which prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND (Chairman)
A. B. McCURDY

On the motion of M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence herewith submits its report for the year 1949.

Wapiti Chapter No. 34 has asked for a ruling with regard to the admission of **applications** for Exaltation from Companions residing outside the Jurisdiction. Your Committee would suggest that the intending applicants first procure certificates of good standing from their Grand Chapter and a demit from their home Chapter and submit this material to the Chapter to which they seek admission, accompanied by formal application for Exaltation amended to meet the circumstances of the case. Having done this Wapiti Chapter should then submit the material to the Grand First Principal for a ruling.

It would appear to your Committee and it does so recommend that the applications should be approved. This Chapter is in what one might say a remote part of the Province and should therefore be given every encouragement to build up its membership. It would be an incentive to the establishment of Masonry in that District on a firm and progressive basis, and the fewer restrictions placed in the way the better.

This Chapter also asked if it could hold a Convocation in a Lodge room elsewhere than its own for the purpose of conferring degrees. Your Committee saw no reason why they could not do so, providing they asked for dispensation and brought their Chapter and minute book to the proposed location.

Your Committee would recommend that consideration be given to the clarification of our Constitution to meet cases of this nature.

Calgary Chapter No. 11 applied for direction as to whether it was in order to grant a Companion a Past Principal's Certificate for services he had rendered the Chapter, and in which he had for twenty-six years performed the duties of Tyler. Your committee, while sympathetic to the application, regrets that under the Constitution of Grand Chapter such past rank can only be conferred after he has served a full term in that office (Section 202).

No other matter was presented your Committee for its consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON (Chairman)
M. M. DOWNEY
F. J. HAND
C. H. MINCHIN
A. B. McCURDY
W. A. IRVING
A. L. WILLIAMS

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence reports that no matter has been presented for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY (Chairman)

J. E. RANNARD

T. J. CUMBERLAND

C. H. MINCHIN

W. ROPER

G. L. TIPP

On the motion of M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M.E. Companion E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again we are reminded of the uncertainty of all things here below and we pause in our deliberations to honour the memory of our Companions, together with those of other Jurisdictions, who have relaxed their hold upon this earthly existence, and quietly and gently, as the clasped hands of a little child soften and loosen in sleep, have entered the final veil for their reward.

Our Grand Chapter has suffered the loss of our Grand Pursuivant V.E. Companion Oscar Lindgren, together with thirty-seven Companions from Subordinate Chapters and it is for us who remain here to enshrine their goodness in our hearts. The kindness and love of their lives should inspire us to greater achievements, and their discouragements and misgivings spur us to overcome the cause of such feelings.

If our beliefs mean anything to us, we cannot but be assured that death is a transitory stage in the life of our souls, and that final triumph over the troubles and failures of our lives can only be accom-

plished through the passing into another sphere. Thus does our Faith assure us that death is but the passing through the portals to a larger, richer and more complete life which lies beyond.

When I am dead, friends,
Carve no words in marble for epitaph,
Nor raise for me a special tomb,
For at such things, Time shall laugh,
But hold me briefly in your faithful thoughts.
While briefly thought and life are lent,
Your tears shall be my ample praise,
Your love my monument.

The trees that decay, give life to the mosses that cling to them and the Sun which sinks below our horizon, is rising in all its splendour upon another shore and bringing a new day to other lives.

During many periods we have been overcast with gloom and fearful misgivings but ever the Love and Esteem of worthwhile Companions have brightened our pathway and raised our eyes to that refuge of us all, the Love of The God of our Faith.

We cannot but mourn the passing of our Companions, and we are the poorer because they are not with us. We extend our sympathy and prayers on behalf of the bereaved and trust that they may be comforted. But let us be thankful that we have been privileged to know and associate with such as these and go forward with a firm resolve to do our part to make this world a better place because we have sojourned in it for a little while. Let us labour with all our energy, might and zeal that we may accomplish some part, however small, to bring to fruition that fundamental principle of our faith, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Fraternally submitted,

A. PEART (Chairman)

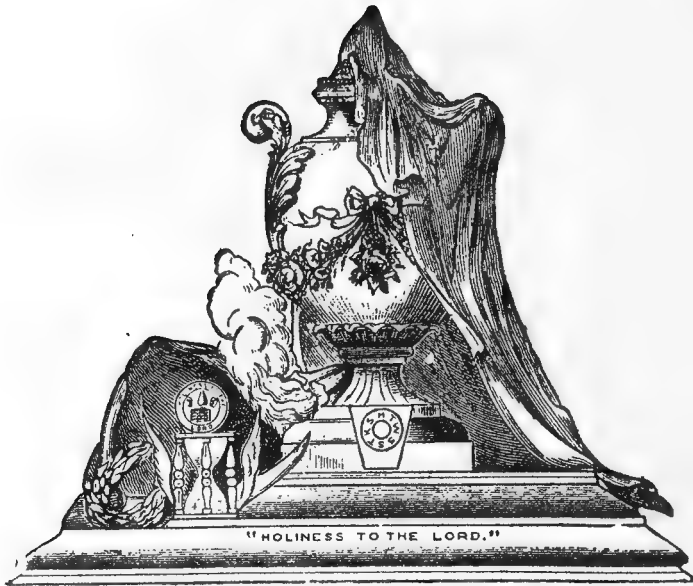
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A. B. McCURDY

J. E. RANNARD

A. L. WILLIAMS

W. L. MUNDY



In Memory
OF THE DECEASED
Companions of Our Own
and Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1949

"It is not given us to pierce the veil
 That separates us from these friends of yore
 They seem so very, very far away,
 Yet they have but observed an opened door,
 And passing through, have closed it unto us,
 Because our pilgrimage remains undone,
 It may be for decades, still we know not
 But that this moment be the final one."

DEATHS IN OUR JURISDICTION

Alberta Chapter No. 1	W. H. McGuffin, E. E. Fairley, R. H. Wood.
North Star Chapter No. 2	G. E. Anderson, W. Coote, D. Tait, T. Law, F. W. Bell, S. Hill, J. Bonthon, J. F. Meakins.
Assiniboia Chapter No. 3	G. C. Foster, F. C. Sharp.
Shekinah Chapter No. 4	J. Ross, G. D. Martin, J. McMaster, N. T. MacLeod.
Golden West Chapter No. 5	E. F. Thompson, H. W. Jessee.
Kether Chapter No. 8	I. L. Montgomery.
Otuskwaw Chapter No. 9	G. B. McSeager.
Bow Valley Chapter No. 10	W. D. Gordon.
Calgary Chapter No. 11	L. S. Batten, L. W. Brown.
Keystone Chapter No. 12	J. Hazlett, W. T. Coote, D. Code.
Vermilion Chapter No. 14	H. P. Strong.
Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17	O. Lindgren, H. R. Anderson.
Norwood Chapter No. 18	G. W. Singer, L. Anderson.
Strathmore Chapter No. 21	C. H. Cowell.
Crescent Chapter No. 24	P. E. Ross.
Eheyeh Chapter No. 27	J. W. Webb, F. Swallow.
Hamar Chapter No. 33	O. Lindgren.

DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

British Columbia	Thomas H. Carey, P.G.Z. William C. Taylor, P.G.Z. Matthew J. Little, P.G.Z.
California	Robert E. Harris, G.K.
Canada	Walter G. Price, P.G.Z. Edwin Smith, P.G.Z.
Dakota (South)	Byron S. Payme, P.G.H.P.
Georgia	Josiah T. Clarke, G.T.
Illinois	William F. Cammell, D.G.H.P. William C. Rapp, P.G.H.P.
Manitoba	William M. Bentley, P.G.Z.
Main	Ralph H. Burbank, G.S.
New York (State of)	Jared A. Reed, P.G.H.P.
Nova Scotia	Joseph R. Murray, P.G.Z.
Nevada	Henry M. Miles, P.G.H.P.
Ohio	Virgil W. Prather, P.G.H.P.
Oklahoma	Emerson Burns, P.G.H.P.
Rhode Island	Warren A. Sherman, P.G.H.P.
Saskatchewan	Edwin Pinkerton, P.G.Z.
Texas	E. M. Wood, P.G.H.P. F. P. Marshall, P.G.H.P.
Washington	Joseph A. Dailey, P.G.H.P.
Wisconsin	William R. Graves, P.G.H.P. David O. Stine, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming	Milton G. Kaumheimer, P.G.H.P. Preston C. Duncan, P.G.H.P. John (Dad) Stansbury, P.G.H.P.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has much pleasure in reporting the harmonious co-operation which exists between this Grand Chapter and all other Grand Chapters with whom we are in correspondence.

It would seem that an increase in membership in most jurisdictions is apparent. This increase may be caused by various reasons.

The most obvious ones seem to be:

- (1) Royal Arch Masonry is on a sound basis.
- (2) Money the last few years has been more plentiful than at some other periods.
- (3) The policy of the General Grand Chapter in awarding certificates of awards to those subordinate Chapters who work hard and advertise their Chapter.
- (4) The good companionship which exists in our Chapters.

It is our opinion that a large committee should continue to be appointed to make the reviews of other Grand Chapter proceedings. In this way the committee would keep well versed on the happenings in sister jurisdictions and acquire ideas which might lead to improvement in our own Grand Chapter.

We would recommend that these reviews be published in our annual proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

R. M. LAMBERTSON (Chairman)	H. W. B. BELL
J. V. FOLLETT	H. E. BENTLEY
J. E. RANNARD	C. GRIEVE
E. G. IRONSIDE	J. V. DODDS
J. W. G. MORRISON	E. J. FRIEND
J. T. CUMBERLAND	J. A. DUTTON
W. H. SCOTT	E. G. ELLERTON

On the motion of M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson, seconded by M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee reports that no matters have been referred to it, in connection with the work, except small interpretations which have been satisfactorily exemplified and explained, particularly at District Meetings.

There are a few corrections in the choice of words in the work

which could be made, but as they do not alter the symbolism or lessons portrayed, these could be left to the discretion of those using them.

It is very gratifying to report that the desire of Chapter Officers to confer the Degrees with the solemnity and dignity so necessary is being nobly upheld and reflects itself in the increased interest shown by newly exalted Companions.

First impressions made upon a candidate are those that last and exemplary work by Chapter Officers is a great step towards making worthwhile Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. BENTLEY (Chairman)
S. H. MIDDLETON
W. H. SCOTT

On the motion of R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee in submitting its report from enquiries made feel that so many of the Chapters are not taking advantage of the facilities provided through the Grand Chapter Library of acquiring more knowledge of the history and principles enunciated in the Royal Craft Degrees. Considerable use, nevertheless, is made of the library to the advantage and benefit of the patrons. It is, however, recommended that Chapters removed from this storehouse of Masonic information be provided with a list of the books available for use in the Chapter room in the preparation of addresses and topic for discussion. Your Committee would again emphasise the importance of the proceedings of Grand Chapter be reviewed by individual Chapters so that they may become better informed of the work of that body and what it means to the Royal Craft in general. Chapters should be encouraged to start a Craft Library of their own as an incentive to acquiring knowledge of what Royal Arch Masonry actually is and what principles it stands for. Your Committee further recommends that Grand Superintendents place this matter before Chapters on their visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON (Chairman)
F. J. HAND
T. J. CUMBERLAND
J. E. RANNARD

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Library, Research and Education be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggested by M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison and seconded by M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin that dispensations issued showed that the Constitution should have more leeway.

Moved by M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin and seconded by M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, and

RESOLVED that some consideration should be given to Dispensations issued and that a Notice of Motion be drafted for next Grand Convocation.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin and seconded by M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, that M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison study the Dispensations granted and if thought advisable he submit amendments to the Constitution providing for a larger measure of discretion by Constitutional Chapters.

Moved by Ex. Comp. M. Robertson, seconded by M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, that the sum of \$75.00 be donated to defray the cost of the banquet.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On the motion of M.E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta confer Honorary Life Membership on Most Excellent H. Stanley Bell, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan; Most Excellent Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; and R.E. Companion A. J. Peterson, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Southern Alaska, with the rank of Honorary Past Grand First Principal.

The Most Excellent Companions expressed their appreciation of these honours and thanked the Companions for the many kindnesses shown them on their visit to Alberta.

FLOOD DISASTER AT WINNIPEG

On the motion of M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, seconded by M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, and

RESOLVED that the sympathetic greetings of this Grand Chapter be wired to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in the great loss occasioned by the flood disaster in Manitoba.

R.E. Companion A. J. Peterson, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction of Southern Alaska, being called on for a few remarks, thanked the Companions for their welcome and stated that

the Chapter at Anchorage had a membership of 250 Royal Arch Masons and Jueau, the youngest Chapter, had a membership of seventy Companions.

He was of the opinion that we were just a little selfish in not seeing that a greater percentage of Master Masons in the Province of Alberta were not Royal Arch Masons and that the younger Brethren should be encouraged to add their contribution to the order.

We should go out and sell Royal Arch Masonry, that Royal Arch Masonry was the militant part of Masonry and was the completion of the Master Mason's Degree.

M.E. Companion Frank Van Demark, representing the Grand High Priest of Montana, thanked the Companions for their reception and stated that he was always pleased to visit the Companions of Alberta, cementing the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta into a strong chain of Masonic Friendship.

M.E. Companion George Lythgoe, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, thanked the Companions for the privilege of saying a few words, that he was seeing Calgary in a new dress from the earliest times and that she was passing through an era of great changes with wonderful propaganda as a Great Province.

E. Companion John Haglund of Montana, in addressing the Grand Chapter, said that he was always pleased to visit and his interests were centered in the Executive Committee where all the many points were ironed out before being thrown onto the floor of the Grand Chapter.

M.E. Companion E. G. Ironsides, although a Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and now living at the Coast, was a member of Pacific Chapter, Vancouver, and was very interested in the Royal Arch work, commenting on the late M.E. Companion William Coote and others who had gone to their great reward.

M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, in addressing the Grand Chapter said that he was sorry for being late and very pleased to be in Alberta and that he was the first General Grand High Priest to visit Alberta, that the General Grand Chapter had a membership of 650,000 Royal Arch Masons and was pleased to bring the greetings of the Royal Arch Masons of the General Grand Chapter in the rest of the world, giving a brief talk on the rise and fall of Royal Arch Masonry from December 22nd, 1753, and concluding his remarks by thanking the Companions for a very splendid visit.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Credentials presents herewith the report for the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation.

Number of Chapters represented, Twenty-seven. Total vote, One hundred and forty-three.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. McJUNKIN (Chairman)
L. B. McCOOMBE
J. W. N. BEAMISH
R. J. SMITH
W. MARCELLUS
LARS OSBERG

On the motion of Rt. E. Companion F. W. McJunkin, seconded by Rt. E. Companion R. J. Smith, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

APPOINTING SCRUTINEERS

The Grand First Principal invited R.E. Companion R. J. Smith, M.E. Companion Ben S. Bailey, M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson and R.E. Companion L. B. McCoombe to act as scrutineers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election was then proceeded with, the following being elected:

Grand First Principal	M.E. Companion H. E. Bentley
Grand Second Principal ..	R.E. Companion Alf Peart
Grand Third Principal	R.E. Companion Frank Mayer
Grand Treasurer	R.E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	M.E. Companion F. J. Hand
Grand Scribe N.	R.E. Companion George Acton
Grand Principal Sojourner	R.E. Companion A. C. Burnup
Grand Registrar	R.E. Companion Wm. McGruther

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

R.E. Companions H. S. Baird, C. E. Cosgrove, F. W. Keyte and C. M. Lavery were elected for a two-year term.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation was then proceeded with, M.E. Companion A. L. Williams being requested by the Grand First Principal to perform this ceremony. M.E. Companion W. Irving acted as Director of Ceremonies.

M.E. Companions E. G. Ellerton, A. B. McCurdy, R. M. Lambertson

assisting and M.E. Companion W. A. Irving giving the General Charge.

M.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, R.E. Companion Alf Peart, and R.E. Companion Frank Mayer, addressed the Grand Chapter, thanking the Companions for the confidence placed in them and that with the kindly assistance of the many well-wishers they would try to live up to the examples of their predecessors in office.

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by R.E. Companion Frank Mayer, it was

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Installing Officer and his assistants for the excellent manner in which the Installation of Officers was conducted.

On the motion of R.E. Companion Alf Peart, seconded by R.E. Companion Frank Mayer, it was

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Scrutineers for the excellent manner in which the results of the election was handled.

NEXT PLACE OF ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, will be held in the City of Edmonton on the Second Wednesday, May 9th, 1951.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was closed in Ample Form at 5:30 p.m. by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion H. E. Bentley.



J. D. Hand
GRAND SCRIBE E.

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District No. 1

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No. 13	Capital City	Edmonton
No. 18	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 30	Edson	Edson
No. 34	Wapiti	Grande Prairie

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion J. Campbell
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No. 10	Bow Valley	Gleichen
No. 19	The Hiram	Youngstown
No. 26	Harmony	Bassano
No. 27	Eheyeh	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna	Hanna
No. 35	Empress	Empress

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion P. J. Russell
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No. 1	Alberta	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwan	Calgary
No. 11	Calgary	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff	Banff
No. 21	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 24	Crescent	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion C. Lawrence
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No. 3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah	Lethbridge
No. 5	Golden West	High River
No. 8	Kether	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross	Claresholm

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion J. H. Cochrane
Address: Hughenden, Alta.

No. 14	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet	Killam
No. 31	Parklands	Wainwright
No. 32	Viking	Viking
No. 33	Hamar	Hughenden

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche	Saskatchewan
*A. Little	Manitoba
*H. L. Adolph	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie	Saskatchewan
F. E. Doull	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook	Manitoba
W. B. Saunders	Wyoming
W. B. Hooker	Saskatchewan
E. T. Johnson	Manitoba
S. D. Cruden	Manitoba
C. E. Cole	Manitoba
S. H. Jackson	Saskatchewan
*S. Fea	British Columbia
A. E. Miscampbell	Saskatchewan
W. L. Clink	Saskatchewan
C. J. Hutchings	Manitoba
Frank Van Demark	Montana
J. E. McLarty	Saskatchewan
F. E. Simmons	Manitoba
L. Johnson	Saskatchewan
B. S. Bailey	Manitoba
S. A. Miller	Montana
F. W. Dean	Canada
G. Lythgoe	Saskatchewan
W. E. Pool	Minnesota
*I. Stafford	Ohio
J. E. Nunn	Saskatchewan
A. A. Wilson	Saskatchewan
C. F. Lidster	Manitoba
W. E. Bristowe	Saskatchewan
R. W. Kirby	Saskatchewan
W. R. Shanklin	Saskatchewan
Clarence M. Pitts	Canada
H. Stanley Bell	Saskatchewan
Earl E. Dusenbery	Iowa
A. J. Peterson	Alaska

* Deceased

GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel	1925 - 1932
*C. A. MacPherson	1933 - 1945
Harold Bentley	1946 - 1948
F. J. Hand	1949 -

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION
MAY 19th, 1914

*S. Y. Taylor	1914	A. West	1933
*J. N. Rankin	1915	A. Davison	1934
F. S. Watson	1916	*W. E. Mercer	1935
*R. Patterson	1917	H. Sandilands	1936
*A. R. Dickson	1918	C. H. Minchin	1937
M. M. Downey	1919	A. B. McCurdy	1938
*N. T. Macleod	1920	H. W. B. Bell	1939
*H. Darling	1921	W. H. Scott	1940
G. B. MacLeod	1922	*W. B. Way	1941
*W. T. Coote	1923	J. E. Rannard	1942
J. E. Johnson	1924	E. G. Ellerton	1943
S. H. Middleton	1925	F. J. Hand	1944
E. G. Ironside	1926	T. J. Cumberland	1945
*W. M. McNab	1927	R. M. Lambertson	1946
*F. S. Selwood	1928	W. A. Irving	1947
*J. R. Flan	1929	A. L. Williams	1948
J. W. G. Morrison	1930	J. L. Innes	1949
J. A. McGhee	1931	H. E. Bentley	1950
J. V. Follett	1932	* Deceased.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R.E. Companion Alf Peart, Chairman

M.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand First Principal

R.E. Companion Frank Mayer	Grand J.
R.E. Companion W. L. Mundy	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R.E. Companion J. Campbell	Grand Supt. District No. 2
R.E. Companion P. J. Russell	Grand Supt. District No. 3
R.E. Companion C. Lawrence	Grand Supt. District No. 4
R.E. Companion J. H. Cochrane	Grand Supt. District No. 5
R.E. Companion T. S. Jeffery	Grand Treasurer
M.E. Companion F. J. Hand	Grand Scribe E.
R.E. Companion G. Acton	Grand Scribe N.

All Past Grand First Principals by virtue of Office

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R.E. Companion H. S. Baird	Two years
R.E. Companion C. E. Cosgrove	Two years
R.E. Companion F. W. Keyte	Two years
R.E. Companion C. M. Laverty	Two years
R.E. Companion W. J. Bocking	One year
R.E. Companion Frank McJunkin	One year
R.E. Companion Wright Roper	One year
R.E. Companion J. W. Verge	One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton	Grand Lecturer
V.E. Companion E. S. Smith	Grand Senior Sojourner
V.E. Companion J. Cuthbertson	Grand Junior Sojourner
V.E. Companion J. W. Graham	Grand Sword Bearer
V.E. Companion J. Campbell	Grand Master First Veil
V.E. Companion L. R. Gamey	Grand Master Second Veil
V.E. Companion E. T. Proehl	Grand Master Third Veil
V.E. Companion A. B. Reith	Grand Master Fourth Veil
M.E. Companion A. L. Williams	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Companion L. D. Wright	Grand Organist
V.E. Companion J. W. Limb	Grand Pursuivant
V.E. Companion C. W. Lester	Grand Steward No. 1
V.E. Companion H. L. Wood	Grand Steward No. 2
V.E. Companion J. H. Booth	Grand Steward No. 3
V.E. Companion J. D. Tufford	Grand Steward No. 4
V.E. Companion L. A. Myggland	Grand Steward No. 5
Companion J. Frankland	Grand Tyler

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address — M.E. Companion M. M. Downey (Chairman) and all Past Grand First Principals.

Credentials — R.E. Companion W. Lynn Tipp (Chairman) and all Grand Superintendents.

Warrants — M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison (Chairman), M.E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. T. Cumberland, A. L. Williams.

Conditions of Capitular Masonry — M.E. Companion J. V. Follett (Chairman), M.E. Companions H. W. B. Bell, E. G. Ellerton, W. A. Irving, J. L. Innes, R.E. Companion F. W. McJunkin.

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Benevolence — M.E. Companion M. M. Downey (Chairman), M.E. Companions J. E. Rannard, G. B. McLeod, T. J. Cumberland, C. H. Minchin, R.E. Companions G. Lynn Tipp, C. M. Lavery, Frank Mayer.

Fraternal Dead — R.E. Companion Frank Mayer (Chairman), M.E. Companions A. B. McCurdy, J. E. Rannard, A. L. Williams, R.E. Companions W. L. Mundy, F. W. Keyte.

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Entertainment — R.E. Companion Frank Mayer (Chairman).

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W. J. Edwards	Bishopton	Quebec	A. B. McCurdy	Edmonton
J. England	Brisbane	Queensland	C. Scaffe	Calgary
H. G. Heath	Hope Valley	Rhode Island	D. Nicholson	Medicine Hat
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Grand Chapter Proceedings

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Arizona	New Zealand
Australia	North Dakota
Canada	Nova Scotia
Colorado	Ohio
Connecticut	Oregon
Delaware	Pennsylvania
District of Columbia	Queensland
Florida	Saskatchewan
Idaho	South Carolina
Indiana	South Dakota
Iowa	Tennessee
Louisiana	Texas
Manitoba	Vermont
Maryland	Victoria
Michigan	Virginia
Mississippi	Washington
Montana	West Virginia
Nebraska	Wisconsin
New Mexico	

ARIZONA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at Prescott, Arizona, on April 26th, 1949, with Most Ex. Companion Marion R. McDaniel presiding. The setting of Prescott must be a most delightful and inspiring one. The resolution of appreciation indicates this. In closing the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, R.A.M., we desire to express our gratitude and appreciation for the gracious welcome accorded us and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy that have so materially aided in making our stay in Prescott so pleasant and profitable.

Therefore be it Resolved that the grateful thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Companions of Prescott and to the Brothers and Friends of this wonderful "Mile high" City with its fine scented air for their kindly efforts in our behalf.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions answered the Roll Call. Alberta's Grand Representative was not reported as being present.

One of the special events of the year was the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree under the Stars atop Mount Horeb near Winslow on July 19th, 1948.

Another important event was the 15th Annual York Rite Festival held at Phoenix, Arizona, on October 29th and 30th, 1948.

The Proceedings enjoyed a special pleasure in the address illustrated by slides, "Travelling Keystone", and delivered by R.E. Comp. Frank M. Van Denveenter, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arizona near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. The report says "lecture was enjoyed by all who heard lecture and saw slides".

The Grand High Priest in his address stressed the importance of the improvement of the paraphernalia used by the individual Chapter in the presentation of the degrees. All that we have in Capitular Masonry is dependent upon the excellence of our exemplifications and we cannot even approach excellence with inadequate equipment.

"To those who have contributed of their time, energy and counsel in making possible whatever measure of success I may have attained as Grand High Priest I wish to express my thanks and deep appreciation."

One page in the Proceedings shows a listing of the Honorary Members of Arizona Grand Chapter.

Several pages were devoted to the listing of the Officers for 1949 of each respective Chapter, as well as the names of their Past High Priests and present Companions.

The gain in membership was 88, or approximately six per cent.

Two decisions were given by the Committee of General Regulations of Grand Chapter: "That it is illegal and improper to confer any of the Capitular degrees on Sunday" — "That a stated meeting of the Chapter cannot be called off to a subsequent day or evening. That the transaction of all regular business must be confined to the evening named as stated or Regular meetings".

Chester A. Westerdahl was elected as Grand High Priest for 1949.

E. G. E.

AUSTRALIA

Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia.

It is interesting to note that the method of procedure in this Grand Jurisdiction differs from some other Grand Jurisdictions of which we are acquainted. It no doubt is only the method while the same results are attained. This is not intended as a criticism. Their Grand Convocations seem to be held quarterly rather than annually as ours are.

The G.F.P. at each Convocation reports harmony and goodwill and progress. We should rejoice with them in their success for the year. Any Grand Chapter is the servant and not the dictator of the Companions. The Grand Chapter is the Council of experience, and we congratulate this Grand Chapter in their successful year in fulfilling their task.

Best wishes Victoria.

F. J. H.

CANADA

The Ninety-first Annual Convocation held at Ottawa, April 27th and 28th, 1949.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion F. W. Dean. There were seven Past Grand First Principals present, one of whom, M.E. Companion Reg. V. Conover, the Grand Representative of Alberta, answered the roll call on our behalf.

M.E. Companion George L. Gardiner presented a splendid address of Welcome to a very distinguished array of guests from Masonic organizations, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Companion T. H. Simpson, K.C., of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In his closing remarks M.E. Companion Gardiner says: "We agree that to merit respect as a Royal Arch Mason we must first be true to our Craft Lodge and Craftsmen who fail in their duty to their Mother Lodge are unworthy to be advanced in the realm of Masonry."

125 Chapters were represented from a total of 153 in the jurisdiction.

The Grand First Principal in his address states that he endeavored, during his second year, to visit those Chapters he was unable to visit during his first year and informs us that during his term of office he travelled 52,000 miles on Grand Chapter business. Just imagine, Companions, over twice around the world at the equator. This address is an account of an extremely busy year of labor for Capitular Masonry and we wonder where M.E. Companion Dean found time to attend to such a worthy record of performance; however, in this connection we are reminded of the saying that "where the heart is, there the hand will be found also".

There is much we could quote from this outstanding address, much that is really worthwhile and reaches to the fundamentals of our Organization and our own lives. We excerpt a small paragraph: "One of the great needs of today is for men to do what is right, regardless of the consequences, for only one reason — because it is right. Perhaps we as individuals may feel that our contribution is so small as to have no significance, but I would like to leave with you the thought that we are not expected to see that others do what they ought to do or be what they ought to be, but it is of the utmost importance that you and I recognize our duty and do what we ought to do and be what we ought to be. The leaven of such an influence exerted by the 19,000 Royal Arch Masons of our Grand Jurisdiction would undoubtedly have a telling effect in the communities in which we live."

It is here worthy of note that the retiring Grand Z., M.E. Companion F. W. Dean, and the incoming Grand Z., M.E. Companion Clarence M. Pitts, are both Honorary Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the writer has many pleasant memories of these M.E. Companions when they visited Alberta.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents for the 18 Districts are very complete and show the healthy and sound condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. We note that the need for the conferring of one Degree only at a Convocation is stressed in these reports, in order to properly impress the candidate, and this appears to us to be very sound logic.

The Committee on Education and Instruction reported on the issuance of a Manual of Instructions for Chapter Officers, clarifying certain sections of the Work, with carefully prepared instructions and interpretations. This seems to us to be something we could well emulate to our advantage which would redound to the credit of the Chapters and increased interest on the part of the candidates.

The Committee on Benevolence recommended the distribution of \$1,500.00 for various cases, which was approved; also the Welfare Committee of Toronto Districts was very active in Benevolent Work. More power to you.

The per capita assessment was raised from 50c to 75c per member per year, also the minimum Exaltation Fee was increased to \$50.00.

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund with an objective of \$50,000.00 went over its quota. Nice work Ontario.

From the statistical record we note that 24 Chapters achieved a net increase of 10 per cent or over. Some Chapters in this jurisdiction have very large memberships, especially in the City of Toronto, the argest being the St. Patrick's Chapter No. 145 with a membership of 472, while there are eight other Chapters over the 300 mark.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is a very fine record of the painstaking care and attention given to its duties. Much sound reasoning is presented under different headings and we quote one of these under the caption of membership: "Our increase in membership during the year is slightly higher than that of the previous year, which, when considered in comparison with past

performances only, must be regarded as satisfactory. However, with the knowledge that our total membership is only a small percentage of the Craft Masons in our jurisdiction, we are not satisfied. Keeping in mind that the closing of the Master Mason Degree leaves the Mason without the knowledge of the existence of further light in Masonry, we recommend that each Chapter (through a committee composed of the most sincere and the most energetic Companions available), make a canvass of all Master Masons within their boundaries, for Chapter membership. This may be done by the Companions of your Chapter through a 'Membership Committee' and with the assistance of the Scribe E. and other Past Officers."

The reviews presented by M.E. Companion George L. Gardiner, Fraternal Correspondent and Historian, show that Capitular Masonry is enjoying an upsurge through the various Grand Jurisdictions of the world, and also that the eloquent pen which draws such a complete picture for us to contemplate regarding our Royal Craft adds lustre to its accomplishments with the passage of time. Alberta being very favorably presented.

Number of Chapters in the jurisdiction 153. Membership 19,312. Increase 856. M.E. Companion Clarence M. Pitts elected Grand First Principal for the ensuing term. Next Annual Convocation to be held at Toronto, April 26th and 27th, 1950.

H. E. B.

COLORADO

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Denver on September 15th, 1949, with G. H. Priest William C. Gray presiding, and our Grand Representative, Ex. Comp. Charles F. Banzhaf, Jr., who was chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, present.

A very pleasing and commendable idea in their Proceedings are photos about two inches square of the Principal Officers and Chairmen of committees, inserted opposite each one's report. There are, also, two full-page photos of the outgoing and present G. H. Priests.

Events leading up to their seventy-fifth Convocation were:

- (1) A notable meeting on March 17th, 1949, at Pueblo, with a fine address by Gen. G. H. Priest Earl E. Dusenbery.
- (2) An audience of nearly 2,000 Masons, on March 18th, 1949, at Denver to honor and hear a very excellent address by Gen. Grand Secretary Roscoe R. Walcutt.
- (3) Diamond Jubilee Banquet at Denver on September 14th. Gen. Grand Scribe Tom Q. Ellis eloquently addressed 500 Companions; Representatives of the five original Chapters were introduced.

On May 11th, 1875, these five Chapters organized the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

At the Annual Convocation fourteen P. G. H. Priests were present and 42 of the 46 Chapters were represented.

Among distinguished visitors were M.E. Comp. Tom Q. Ellis, G. H. Priests Ottis B. Allen of Kansas, Guy S. Rose of Washington, and M.E. Comp. Walter H. Steffey, who is Grand Secretary of Washington and Gen. Grand Principal Sojourner.

Fifty Grand Representatives were welcomed at Roll Call. The address of M.E. Comp. Gray was brief, giving an account of normal activities. He approved an amendment to the by-laws of a Chapter whereby its secretary receives 10 per cent of the fees and 20 per cent of the dues collected by him.

A charter was granted to Phodonite Chapter U.D. Grand Lecturer Charles L. Young submitted his twenty-eighth annual report. He had visited all Chapters.

The custodians of the work were instructed to formulate a floor plan in the R. A. Degree that would shorten the floor work when more than two teams are concerned.

In his address to Grand Chapter, M.E. Comp. Ellis stated "that we should advertise Masonry a little, and that persons who are not Masons have somewhat of a right to know something about the ideals and purposes of an institution that claims more than three million members in these United States. I believe that Masonry is the strongest bulwark in existence in America today against some of the 'isms'." He told them to go home and tell those Master Masons to round out their Masonic Philosophy by taking the R. A. Degree.

The fraternal reviews by Ex. Conips. Charles F. Banzhaf Jr., Clinton J. Astell and Clarence B. Hocker are presented in fifteen pages and give the highlights and important extracts from 52 Grand Jurisdiction Proceedings.

From England we learn that Royal Arch Masonry has been introduced into the Netherlands, using the principles of that Supreme Grand Chapter.

The newly installed G. H. Priest, Robert C. Croes, is an ardent member of most branches of Masonry and is Gen. Grand Master of the Second Veil.

47 Chapters — 6,693 Members — Net gain 203.

E. G. I.

CONNECTICUT

151st Annual Convocation, Hartford, May 10th, 1949. Grand High Priest, M.E. Herbert R. Trolle. Alberta not represented.

Number of Chapters 46. Number represented 46. Chapters report a busy year; net gain in membership of 115. Total number of members 10,933.

Visitations between Chapters encouraged — create friendship and goodwill.

The G. H. Priest anent Grand Representatives remarks "it does not seem too arduous to write a letter once or twice a year to the jurisdiction you represent." Timely suggestion.

Several dispensations were granted and two refused, one to receive and ballot on a petition at the same Convocation and the other to loan Chapter robes for Christmas pageants.

The G. H. Priest was treated with the utmost courtesy and co-operation on his many visits. He made several visits to outside jurisdictions, one of which was the Grand Chapter of Canada at Ottawa, from whence he came away with the "knowledge that the Capitular and all ties between our two countries are very strong and great."

The report of the Committee of Custodians suggests that more attention be given to the floor work. "Complete and efficient floor work will tend so much toward making the degree work pleasant and do away with long intermissions. The Most Excellent Master's degree should be the next most impressive to the Royal Arch." Your reviewer unreservedly agrees.

There is a very interesting and edifying review of the aims and purposes of the Holy Order of High Priesthood over the 100 years of its existence in that jurisdiction.

The G. H. Priest in his address had the following reference to the work in the subordinate Chapters: "At the outset of my year I urged the Chapters to try and make their work as nearly perfect as possible. I am satisfied progress has been made but there is still room for improvement. The candidates are entitled to expect that our degree work shall be so inspiring as to make them workers in the vineyard of Capitular Masonry. Our degrees are beautiful, full of lessons to supplement those received in the Blue Lodge and it is up to the officers to see that the candidates are not disappointed." Pregnant remarks that should be taken to heart by all Chapters. No reviews.

M.E. James W. Burhoe was chosen G. H. Priest for 1950 and the next Convocation will be held at Hartford in May of this year.

J. W. G. M.

DELEWARE, 1949

What Delaware lacks in size it is necessary to make up in work.

I observe that at their Grand Convocation there were nineteen P.G.H.P. present beside the regular officers.

They have five Subordinate Chapters and had seventeen Past High Priests present at this Convocation.

I am glad that Most Ex. Comp J. E. J. Janes, representing the Supreme Grand Chapter found it possible to be present.

The following Grand Jurisdictions were represented: Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Virginia, New Jersey, D. of C.

While there were 33 deaths there still was a small increase in the membership.

I note that the P.H.P. was complimented by those who should know him best for his leadership and work during the year just closed.

Best wishes Deleware,

R. M. L.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1949

Eighty-second Annual Convocation at Washington, D.C., Feb. 9, 1949. M.E. Comp. Roy Stockman, Grand H.P. presiding.

A very large number of the distinguished visitors from neighboring Grand Chapters were present including M.E. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. We regret that Alberta's representative, Geo. H. Stiles was absent.

The G.H.P. had a very busy term of office and made many visits both in and outside his own jurisdiction and a full factual report of all his activities, including the work of many committees and associations, all connected with Royal Arch Masonry. His concluding remarks, while somewhat commonplace, are worth repeating: "In Masonry we are taught the fundamental beliefs in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and to hope for an eternal reward. We are taught to rid ourselves of those earthly traits which encumber our progress toward virtue, to divert our hearts and consciences of all the superfluities of life and to exercise charity and benevolence toward all mankind."

May none of us ever forget these primary teachings.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a special Capitular degree team belonging to Emergent Chapter, No. O. This degree team conferred the Mark Master Degree on 42 candidates; the Past Master Degree on 46; the Most Excellent Master on 46; and the Royal Master Degree on 51 members at the fifth Fall York Rite reunion. Judging by the publicity given this degree team and its work in the proceedings, one would conclude that it is of very great importance in improving the ritualistic work in Constituent Chapters.

Two committees: A Publicity, whose duty is to have news items of Capitular Masonry in the local Sunday Star each week, and Blood Donor, whose duty is to secure donors and blood for emergencies when called upon.

Increase in membership for the year, 114; total 4,851 for 14 chapters. M.E. Comp. John G. Mathes was installed G.H.P. for 1950.

J. V. F.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation held at Badenton, May 25th, 1949.

The Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion D. M. Winans opened the Grand Convocation in Ample Form. There were twelve Past Grand High Priests in attendance, including M.E. Companion C. R. Horne, P.G.H.P. the Grand Representative of Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest deals mostly with routine business and is indicative of a very successful year of effort and accomplishment. He recommended that a cup be given to the Chapter with the greatest increase in membership each year, also a suitable gift to the Companion or Secretary securing the largest number of re-instated members. These recommendations, however, were not incurred in.

We note that the report of the Committee on Necrology includes the name of our late M.E. Companion Wm. T. Coote.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows assets of \$14,761.85.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a healthy increase of 463, which is a splendid report when one considers that their losses were as follows: Deaths 90; demitted 66; suspended 179; other losses 1; a total loss of 336 Companions. The total membership at the end of 1948 was 6,810.

A motion to print the report of the Committee on Correspondence was defeated on a standing vote, therefore no reviews are included.

These proceedings cover what is known in Florida as the York Rite of Freemasonry and contain accounts of the Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priethood, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Florida Council of Anointed High Kings, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar together with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

M.E. Companion L. C. Bortle elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

Next Annual Convocation, May 24th and 25th, 1950, at Miami.

H. E. B.

IDAHO

Forty-first Annual Convocation at Pocatello, May 16 and 17th, 1949.

M.E. Comp. Elmer L. Casad, Grand H.P. presided. All grand officers except the Grand Scribe, answered the roll call.

This Convocation was conspicuous by the absence of "distinguished visitors. The Grand High Priest of the State of Utah and the

Grand Commander of the State of Idaho, Knights Templar, were the only ones introduced. However, many Grand Representatives were present including Alberta's P.G.H.P. Roy V. Locey.

M.E. Comp Casad had a busy year and accomplished much for the Royal Craft in his own jurisdiction, having visited all the constituent chapters but one. The only out of State visitation was the sesquicentennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at New York. All other outside invitations had to be courteously refused.

As a result of "Home Missions" duties the Grand H.P. was able to report the condition of the Order very encouraging and generally good throughout his jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary reported a net increase of 141 members bringing the total to 2,609 for 21 chapters, all of which had sent in their annual reports and paid their per capita tax.

This Grand Chapter was unfortunate in losing three of their P.G.H.P. by death during the year. We tender our sincere sympathies.

A resolution was adopted which forbade any Chapter to elect any Companion to Life Membership except one who has been in good standing for 50 years and then by a majority vote of the members present at any stated convocation, after which the elected life member shall be given a suitable certificate from the Grand Secretary, and be exempt from payment of annual dues while retaining all the privileges of a chapter member. This does not affect any Life Memberships heretofore granted.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence gave a very brief review of Alberta, 1948, and paid special attention to the report of the committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry.

M.E. Comp. Hiram L. Smith was installed as Grand H.P. for the ensuing year; next meeting at Boise, May 15-16, 1950.

J. W. G. M.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation held at Indianapolis on October 19-20th, 1949.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion W. C. Mahler.

Many distinguished guests were presented and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, including M.I. Companion J. Manzanberger M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S.M. of Indiana with twenty Past Grand Masters, also twenty-one Past Grand High Priests were accorded a fitting welcome as were also Most Worshipful Brother J. W. Thornburgh, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and many other well-known leaders of other Grand Jurisdictions.

We note with satisfaction that the Grand Representative of Alberta, M.E. Companion Bert O. Pruitt, P.G.H.P. was present and

answered the roll call on our behalf. We also note that 57 Grand Representatives were in attendance. This appears to us to be quite an imposing record and we wonder if this has ever been surpassed.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers mostly routine matters but he makes remarks about Chapter finances in his kindly, constructive manner which are bound to reflect in a better management of this important matter to the subordinate Chapters, and among other suggestions he says that a regalia reserve fund should be instituted in each Chapter so that this phase of our activities could be kept in a state which would be commensurate with the beauty and dignity of the Degrees, and not be allowed to deteriorate with no visible means of replacement. He also states that the Symbolic Lodges made a gain in membership of 50 per cent since 1942 whereas Royal Arch Masonry had only gained 32½ per cent during the same period and in this connection the Grand High Priest makes the following trite remark: "One thing is very apparent, either their growth is too great to be healthy or ours has not come up to the standard we could require of ourselves, based on their gain." It is also noted in excerpts from this address that twenty-two Chapters show dues of less than two dollars (\$2.00) and sixty-one Chapters show a fee of only ten dollars (\$10.00).

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Companion Chas. C. Thomas, reports 114 Chapters, with a total membership of 27,828, this being an increase of 779. He also reports that 97.71% of dues assessed by subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction was collected and that the average collection for the state for the past six years had been 100.03%, which we think is a record that would be hard to equal anywhere. The Grand Secretary also reports that nine Chapters made a gain of ten per cent or over.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is very interesting and shows intense application to the duties of this very essential office.

We also note that of a total of 114 Chapters in the jurisdiction, 102 were represented at this Annual Grand Convocation, another record to be proud of.

A short but interesting history of the Grand Chapter of Indiana is presented, also a summary of all Chapters, past and present in numerical order and it is noted that Madison Chapter No. 1 has an unbroken record from April, 1819.

No reviews are presented.

M.E. Companion G. D. Pease elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. H. E. B.

IOWA

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5th and 6th, 1949, with Most Ex. Comp. George E. Saunders, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Distinguished visitors from eleven other Grand Jurisdictions were

received, eleven Past Grand High Priests and one hundred and nineteen Past High Priests were in attendance. Forty-six representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions answered the roll call. Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

The Grand High Priest in his address said: "The many incidents of the most pleasant character would in the years ahead be looked upon as 'Sunny Spots' in the path of life 'again.' One of the finest meetings held during my administration was the State-wide Grand Chapter Day, April 28th, 1948, at Des Moines, Iowa, on the occasion of the visitation of the Companions from Grand Chapter at Manitoba. The degrees throughout the day were conferred in a faultless manner and made a deep impression on the eight hundred companions crowded in the Chapter hall. Later he said: "It has been a busy year with me and in that a blessed one, for it has brought me close to many of my associates in office, and know and realize the worth of loyal loving men."

Thirty-one Chapters made a ten per cent gain during the year. Eight fifty-year certificates were issued. Eight hundred and nineteen new members represents a gain of about six per cent.

This Grand Jurisdiction has suffered the loss through death of two hundred and eighty-four Companions during the year—two of this number being Past Grand High Priests.

This Grand Chapter has a Grand Chapter Charity Fund which appears to be actively and sagaciously administered.

On March 28th, 1949, the Grand Chapter Officers of the Grand Chapter of Illinois conferred the Royal Arch Degree on a class of eighty in the Masonic Temple at Des Moines, Iowa.

A very potent address was given by the General Grand High Priest Most Ex. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, a Past Grand High Priest of Iowa Grand Chapter.

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In the report of the Committee on Correspondence, very informative data is given concerning a large number of Grand Chapters (Alberta heads the list) showing membership, net gains, number of Chapters, the name of Iowa representative attending, the name of the new Grand First Principal and the date and place of next Grand Convocation.

Most Ex. Comp. Harold R. Smiley was elected as Grand High Priest for 1949-1950.

E. G. E.

LOUISIANA

A very excellent program of organ numbers by Comp. Earl S. Rice, Grand Organist, preceded the opening of the one hundred and second Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana held at the

Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La., February 15th, 1949, with Most Excellent Companion Herman J. Duncan presiding.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests and fifty-seven Past High Priests were in attendance. This Grand Chapter lost two Past Grand High Priests through death.

The Grand High Priest in his address covered a vast number of matters important to Capitular Masonry and he appears to have been imbued with the attainment of the highest possible objectives. He does say in part that "primarily I think our objective should continue to be the dispensing of Light and Knowledge—again "the reports from the District Deputy Grand High Priests indicate that Louisiana Capitular Masonry is on a sound foundation and I feel certain that the statistical reports from our Grand Secretary will point the fact that we are making material growth and in a good position financially. But there is always room for improvement."

Two Chapters were awarded certificates by the General Grand Chapter for a perfect record of ten per cent gain over a period of several years. Nineteen Chapters showed a gain of ten per cent for the current year. The Grand Chapter Bible is deposited with the Chapter showing the greatest number of points based on last year's works. The Grand Chapter's Holy Bible now rests with the De Quincy Chapter No. 79, who made ninety-nine points.

Several pages of the proceedings are devoted to the names of current officers, Past High Priests and members of various constituent Chapters for the current year. Gain in membership 407.

Resolutions were presented, covering the establishment by Constituent Chapters of Chapter Board of General Purposes. And each District Deputy Grand High Priest is authorized to create a District Board of General Purposes. Alberta's Grand Representative was reported as being absent due to sickness. Most Ex. Companion A. L. Stephens was elected as Grand High Priest for 1949-1950.

E. G. E.

MANITOBA

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in the Donald Street Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, on February 9th, 1949, with M.E. Companion Chas. F. Lidster, presiding. Twelve Past Grand First Principals were in attendance. The Grand Chapter of Alberta was represented by M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, Grand First Principal, and Rt. Ex. Companion J. M. Donaldson, Grand representative to Alberta, both these Companions were made Honorary Life members of Manitoba Grand Chapter. Very pleased to note that V. Ex. Companion A. R. Judson, Grand Representative from Alberta was present. An outstanding event at this Grand Convocation was the duty, ably performed by M. Ex. Companion Frank E. Simmons, Past Grand Z. of Manitoba, when he

installed M.E. Companion Lorne Johnson, Past Grand Z. of Saskatchewan, as General Grand Royal Arch Captain and the official representative of M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It must have been a very proud and happy occasion for M. Ex. Companion Stan D. Cruden, Past Grand Z., when he introduced to those in attendance at Grand Convocation Most Em. Knight Dr. Ben S. Bailey, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Canada and one of the highly esteemed Past Grand First Principals of Manitoba Grand Chapter.

The Grand First Principal's address was very thorough and he appears to have made a large number of visitations to Chapter Convocations and reports his visits were noteworthy for the cordiality extended. He further stated "the loyalty to Grand Chapter is evident in every Chapter in the jurisdiction." He pleasantly recalled his visit to Alberta Grand Convocation on May 12th, 1948. The writer of this review must mention the most happy memories of Most Ex. Companion Lidster's visit are cherished by the Alberta Companions in attendance at our Grand Convocation May 12th, 1948. The Companions of Manitoba are to be commended for their zeal in arranging so many visits to other Grand Chapters and particularly the trip of the Royal Arch Team to Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa.

The affairs of this Grand Chapter appear to be ably directed and enthusiastically followed.

Increase in membership was 117 and is much in line with increases reported for each of the two preceding years. M.E. Companion Eugene E. Grant was elected Grand First Principal for 1949-1950.

E. G. E.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Convocation held at Baltimore December 14th, 1948.

The Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Martin Koenig Jr., fifteen Past Grand High Priests being in attendance.

The newly commissioned Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Ex. Companion George M. Harris, was also present, and answered the roll call.

An imposing array of Distinguished Guests were presented, including M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who is also an Honorary Past Grand Z. of Alberta. Many messages of greetings and felicitations were received, including one from M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In opening his address the Grand High Priest refers to the present

world-wide conditions and his remarks make very much worthwhile reading, and are provocative of much thought and should be digested by all right thinking people. We quote in part: "We are passing through an era of tremendous significance to our concepts of Freedom and to our way of life, for we are in the midst of a profound social and economic revolution. We are at the crossroad of a mighty struggle between the principles laid down by our Masonic forefathers for the foundation of our government and those who would rule by force and dictatorship. There are those who would tear down the magnificent structure of freedom which this nation has erected over a period of one and three-quarters of a century and set up therefor the miserable hovel of degradation and slavery; there are those who would destroy the Divine principles of unselfish service, loyalty and morality and substitute therefor the idolatrous Baal of selfishness, greed and vice; there are those who would deny the living God in whom our forefathers put their trust, and accept the mockery of disbelief or atheism which denies the immortality of the spirit. Between these forces there can be no compromise. Many a sturdy monarch of the forest has fallen because it has rotted and decayed at the heart and there remained nothing but the false strength of soft sapwood and bark. Many a nation has fallen because it loved luxury more than duty to God and responsibility to their fellow man.' This address also bespeaks a very busy and successful year for the Grand High Priest as is shown by the numerous visitations which resulted in increased enthusiasm evidenced by the Companions.

A very fine report is submitted by the Grand Lecturer. He also expresses very lofty sentiments and his efforts on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry were much appreciated.

From the Grand Secretary's report we note the following: Number of Chapters 26. Membership tota 7,324. Net gain 208.

The Capitular Review presented by the Committee on Correspondence is a splendid account of world-wide Royal Arch Masonry and activity and is a noteworthy portion of these proceedings and deserves great commendation, Alberta being very favorably presented.

M.E. Companion J. S. Byers elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

MICHIGAN

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation held at Jackson, October 20-21, 1948.

This momentous Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion J. H. Chalmers. The Grand Representative of Alberta, M.E. Companion W. E. Zimmer, was present and answered the roll call. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Many Distinguished Guests were introduced, including M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, Honorary Past Grand Z. of Alberta.

A letter of congratulations was read from M.E. Companion J. Edgar Rannard, Grand Representative of Michigan near Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a very fine account of his work during his term of office and bespeaks a full year of effort and success for Royal Arch Masonry. He speaks in glowing terms of a visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada during the term of M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, whom the Alberta Companions will remember.

The Grand Secretary reports 154 Chapters, total membership 28,888, an increase of 1,085. He also makes the following recommendation: "Several cases have arisen during the past year in which Chapters have granted life memberships in violation of Grand Chapter regulations. I desire to call this to the attention of High Priests of the Chapters of this jurisdiction, and would recommend that prior to the conferring of any life memberships in the future that the record of the individual on whom it is proposed to confer life membership be checked with the Grand Secretary's office."

Two Chapters were presented with Bronze certificates from the General Grand Chapter by the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, for having made a ten per cent gain in membership for five consecutive years.

These proceedings are worthy of attention from all Masons as they contain verbatim reports of addresses given by Distinguished Guests and these are the wonderful accounts of the workings of the minds of these notable men and give some idea of what is to be expected of the membership of our Masonic Fraternity. We recommend their perusal, you will find it not only interesting but very educational as well.

M.E. Companion A. M. Burke elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

MISSISSIPPI

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi was held at Jackson, Mississippi, May 10th and 11th, 1949. C. Reese Harris, Grand High Priest, in his annual address reported, among other matters, that "the financial position is more than good, this Grand Chapter having assets exceeding \$44,000.00." Again he said: "In my humble opinion the one thing that will stimulate interest in Capitular Masonry is the election of Companions who will learn the Ritual and fill the station to which they have been elected. Too many High Priests reach this station by filling the lower stations in name only." Y. O. Gore Jr., Grand Lecturer, in his report comments on the importance of keeping our Lodge books of Marks in good condition and up to date. Further on he referred to the use of the paraphernalia, criticizing "horse play" and admonishing the Companions to resolve "to use all the dignity

at our command when we confer the Chapter Degrees and thus merit the applause of good conscience and the esteem of all good Masons." Companion Gore concludes his report with appreciative remembrance of and high praise for M.E. Grand High Priest C. Reese Harris, and stating that the association had been very enjoyable and declaring M.E. Companion Harris has "a cheerful word for everyone and deep and sincere interest in Royal Arch Masonry."

This Grand Chapter had an increase of 612 ,or nearly nine per cent. The increase in cash position assets was nearly \$5,700.00.

One ruling was given by the Grand Committee. Question: "Can a Mason that has been suspended for several years, and who has paid his back dues, be allowed to take the Chapter Degrees before his petition for re-instatement has been acted upon by his Lodge?"

Answer: "To section 38, page 26 of the Constitution, By-laws and digest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi reads in part as follows: 'The Symbolic Lodge being the basis upon which all Ancient Craft Masonry is erected, it is considered the duty of every Mason to be a member of a Lodge, and hence non-affiliated Master Masons are declared not to be eligible for Chapter Degrees'."

The Banquet held on May 11th, 1949, was highlighted by a very inspiring address by Most Ex. Companion J. Luther Jordan, Past Grand High Priest of Louisiana, General Grand Captain of the Host and Personal Representative of the General Grand High Priest. During his address he said, "We live in a day and age that tries men's souls, a day and age when there are many forces seeking to dissolve, neutralize and destroy the time honoured institutions of the past. Surely we are justified in laying claim to enduring value, when we consider the stresses and strains to which Masonic institutions have been subjected in its glorious history, growing ever stronger and making an ever increasing contribution to the civilization of which it is a part.

"Certainly we have cause to respect, revere and honour the ideals that the ancient landmarks have designated as guide posts for us. But we come to a more pertinent point. How much effort are we putting forth to preserve unstained and untainted the heritage that has been vouchsafed to us. Did it ever occur to you that this generation, our generation, may be compelled to hear the reproach of history for having lost that which it took centuries of effort on the part of others to gain. Do we value lightly the things that have been purchased for us in blood and sweat and tears." Further on in his inspiring and stimulating address he had this to say - "The enduring values, the eternal truths we would propagate among men are spiritual values. The things of earth are earthly and pass away with the passing days. Marble temples and all physical values moulder into dust and become but a memory. The things of the spirit are eternal and are the sheet anchor of our faith in these perilous hours. Although the truths we seek to teach in Masonic instruction are veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, they should be so revealed to the initiate that even the least thoughtful will understand the fundamental concepts we enjoy."

The photograph and biographical account of M.E. Comp. Benjamin Swett Tappan, Grand High Priest of Mississippi form an interesting

part of the Proceedings. "The Report of Foreign Correspondence" was prepared by Past Grand High Priest T. J. Scharff, Fraternal Correspondent. The Reviews were brief, concise and pleasingly written, making it a delight as well as an education to read them. J. E. Fogle-song was elected Grand High Priest. Several pages are devoted to various subordinate Chapters, current Officers, Past High Priests, nights of Convocations, Exalted Companions as well as losses in membership.

E. G. E.

MONTANA

The 60th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana for 1949 was held at Billings with the constitutional number of Chapters represented. Earl S. Baldwin, G.H.P., presided.

In addressing the Convocation, the Grand High Priest took leave to submit the record of his stewardship for his year of office and in which he made this cogent reference: "Should you fail to gain from your presence here something of inspiration and renewed zeal for the Royal Craft, something that you can take back to the Companions of the Chapters you represent, then your presence here will have been in vain." To your reviewer that should be the pith of the deliberations whenever Companions meet at their annual Convocations. Representatives should always have in mind the Companions back home.

Two of its Past Grand High Priests had been called "Home" during the year.

The G. H. Priest refused to disturb the regulation with respect to the distribution of Rituals in excess of the number allotted to each Chapter, namely ten. Ruled that a petition for a Chapter degree by a member of a Lodge be made subject to his passing an examination on the lecture in the Third Degree. Recommended that mileage and per diem be paid to three representatives of each subordinate Chapter whether represented by regular officers or their proxies. Approved of several courtesy degrees and decreed that no rituals be sold to Chapter members unless authorized by Grand Chapter.

A Charter was granted to Hardin Chapter at Hardin, this being the only new Charter in nearly a quarter of a century.

Visitations were quite extensive and the G. H. Priest was accorded splendid receptions.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed the membership as of 1948 to be 3,892 as compared with 3,664 the previous year, a gain of 228. Progress on the program of Maonic Education and Work adopted the previous year had been slow and disappointing. In this connection the G. H. Priest made the comment that "Masonic Education must of necessity play an important part in any such program if it is not to degenerate into a mere membership drive." A resolution was approved that the R.A. degree be conferred only upon one or more groups of

three candidates each at the same time provided each group shall contain at least two actual candidates.

The financial statement shows a substantial balance on the credit side.

Saluted with Grand Honors was the introduction of M.E. Companion Lorne Johnson, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter and who was present as the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest. M.E. Companion Johnson was a distinguished visitor at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta last year, and will be remembered for his thought-provoking address on that occasion.

M.E. Companion Edwin Grafton, Helena, was elected Grand High Priest. No reviews. Alberta not represented. The 1950 Convocation will be held at Missoula, Montana, June 13th.

G. H.

NEBRASKA

The Grand Convocation under review was held at Omaha Dec. 8th and 9th, 1948. It was their Eighty-second Grand Convocation. George Sizemore had the honor of presiding as G.H.P.

M. Ex. Comp. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Treasurer, had the pleasure of introducing M. Ex. Comp. E. E. Dusenbery, at that time the Grand King of the Supreme Grand Chapter, on the second day. We are glad that this distinguished officer is giving so much of himself to advance the cause of Capitular Masonry over his Supreme Jurisdiction.

I notice that the Grand Jurisdictions of Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota and South Dakota were able to be represented at this Convocation of Nebraska. I observe that Alberta was represented by Gordon Strelow.

We are pleased that they were able to report a substantial gain in membership.

There were 65 Chapters registered, but two were not represented at this Convocation.

I think the eight Chapters who made a 10 per cent gain in membership, and particularly the one making a gain of 29.9 per cent, should be congratulated.

The report on the two Masonic Homes was carefully read and was an inspiration to the reviewer, and is worthy of imitation.

I notice that R.E. Comp. Cyril A. McPherson is still listed as Grand Scribe E. As this Officer is now deceased, the new Scribe should make himself known.

Best wishes Nebraska.

R. M. L.

NEBRASKA

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation was held at Omaha on December 7th and 8th, 1949, with Grand High Priest Plummer Martin presiding. Our Grand Representative, Ex. Comp. Gordon Strelow, was present. All Grand Chapter Officers were present except Grand Principal Sojourner George H. Murphy, who was ill. Among the distinguished guests were M.E. Comp. Tom Q. Ellis, General Grand Scribe, and M.E. Comp. Harold R. Smiley, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

One honored was M.E. Comp. Benjamin F. Pitman, who was Grand High Priest in 1912 and who had attended fifty consecutive Convocations of this Grand Chapter. Eighteen other Past Grand High Priests were present, including John R. Stine, who had attended forty-six Grand Convocations, and Lewis E. Smith, who was Grand High Priest in 1920 and Grand Secretary from 1925 to 1946 and present at forty-two Grand Convocations. (What wonderful records.)

Only one Chapter was not represented by any Officer. The representatives of fifty-two Grand Chapters were welcomed and E. Comp. Hofer for British Columbia made the response.

M.E. Comp. Martin gave a grand address but space does not allow more quotes, "We cannot think of Capitular Masonry separate and apart from Ancient Craft Masonry upon which it is based and to which it is bound by the closest ties." . . . "Throughout our national history most of our leaders have been Masons."

Special dispensations were given, two to Chapters, "to install their Officers anytime during the month of January, 1949", and another "to install Officers on March 14th by telephone and confirmed by letter." (Is this not unusual?)

He attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and was officially received and all courtesies extended to him.

He and the Committee commended two Regional Convocations, i.e. the Second Annual Eastern Nebraska Royal Arch Convocation and the Third Western Nebraska Round-up. One or more such meetings are hoped for where there were nine candidates for a Royal Arch Degree, he ruled "Exaltation consists of the communication of a certain significant word and not the Royal Arch Degree in its entirety." So the usual procedure follows: Three at a time until the word is received, then the next three and finally the last three, after which all receive the remainder of the Degree.

He recommended "automatic suspension of all members who allow themselves to become delinquent for twelve months," but a committee was appointed to study this.

Two others were not approved -- (1) Giving concurrent jurisdiction to all Chapters in the State. (2) A joint petition, that when a candidate for the Royal Arch Degree signs a petition, he will also sign a detachable petition for the Council Degrees.

He suggested that the incoming G. H. Priest give certain struggling Chapters consideration.

The Masonic Homes are being well conducted. One Home has 29 men and 53 women, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children has 23 boys and 17 girls.

Complete annual returns were received from all Chapters.

M.E. Comp. Raymond C. Cook writes a concise but valuable topical review of Capitular Activities (six pages). "Royal Arch Masonry shows continued progress, not a single loss recorded." . . . "Almost all the Proceedings contained some reference to the need of Capitular Education and many programs are being instituted." From Manitoba he gives us, "What is Masonic Education? We speak of Masonry as a progressive science and surround it with a story of antiquity, and we apply it, symbolic and esoteric interpretations, yet its teachings require nothing more than a heart filled with love for humanity and a soul that yearns to fulfill the design of its Creator."

It has been a great pleasure for this writer to review Nebraska Proceedings, as for many years I was their Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Ex. Comp. Dr. Haynes Gesanter, our Grand Representative near Nebraska, and I exchanged many letters. After coming to reside in Vancouver, I have had the honour to represent Nebraska in the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia.

47 Chapters — 6,947 Members — Net gain 346.

E. G. I.

NEW MEXICO

The Fifty-Second Annual Convocation held at Rosewell, May 16th, 1949.

The Officers of Columbia Chapter No. 7 opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in due form and the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Russell G. Bird proclaimed the Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter convened for the transaction of business.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers mostly routine matters. He visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction and reports that Capitular Masonry is on the upsurge throughout the State. He made many visitations.

Many Distinguished Guests were presented and welcomed by the Grand High Priest who expressed the appreciation of the Grand Chapter at their attendance. At a later hour in the proceedings these Distinguished Guests severally addressed the Grand Chapter with appropriate and well received remarks. Among these were Most Worshipful Brother John W. Hall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico; Most Illustrious Companion Oliver J. Olin, Grand Master of the Grand Council R & S. M. of New Mexico; and Most Eminent Sir Knight Harry E. McBride, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico.

It is also noted that the then Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Montana, Alonzo E. Crumley was present. This

well and favorably known Most Eminent Sir Knight has since become the Grand Commander of Montana. He is also a member of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 in our own jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary reports thirteen Chapters with a total membership of 2,099, this being a net gain of 135. It is noted that since this report one Chapter has surrendered its Charter.

The reviews are very interesting and contain a wealth of information concerning the Capitular World, Alberta being favorably presented.

M.E. Companion C. L. Backenstoss elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

NEW ZEALAND

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation held at Greymouth, February 23rd, 1949.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion A. C. Hallett. Seven Past Grand Z's were in attendance and we note with satisfaction that Alberta was well and truly represented by R.E. Companion G. A. Blackmore, our Grand Representative.

The address of the Grand First Principal is short but full of wisdom and lofty ideals. One new Chapter, Shirley Chapter No. 86 was Consecrated.

The Grand Scribe E., M.E. Companion F. J. Rea was compelled to relinquish his office through illness and this important station was ably filled by R.E. Companion E. Cannons who was later elected as Grand Scribe E.

Grants were made for seven scholarships, with five other applications, three of which were granted, the others being under consideration.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are most instructive and enlightening and present a full and complete picture of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction. There appears to be a close working between the Cryptic Councils, Royal Ark Mariners Lodges, Mark Master Mason Lodges and the Red Cross Degrees. Apparently all are interwoven with the Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction.

After his Installation as Grand Z, M.E. Companion H. Campbell gave an inspiring and informative address which contains many lofty ideals and gems of wisdom and was much appreciated.

No reviews are printed, but receipt of proceedings from various Grand Chapters is acknowledged, including Alberta.

Number of Chapters, 81; Membership, 51,782; Increase, 267.

M.E. Companion H. Campbell elected Grand First Principal for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held on January 19th-20th, 1949, at Fargo. All Grand Officers except the Grand Scribe were present, but weather conditions reduced the attendance, four Chapters being without representation. Among the distinguished visitors was M.E. Frank E. Simmons, Past Grand Z of Manitoba. Alberta's Grand Representative, L. Eugene Lester, was present. M.E. Harry G. Poulson had a very busy year, and despite the handicap of indifferent health, he accomplished a great deal during his year of office. His visits were many and far afield -- we note with pleasure his visit to Saskatoon to attend the Annual Convocation of our sister jurisdiction.

His efforts to revive, and eventually to succeed in reinstating Dickinson Chapter No. 11 shows a spirit of optimism and hard work that just would not admit defeat. We offer our congratulations on the outcome of this particular venture. The Grand Secretary M.E. Companion Stockwell presented his 38th annual and his 25th consecutive report. Membership showed a net gain of 97 during the year, bringing the total up to 2,620.

The committee on education thinks that the fellowship in the various branches of masonry is of great importance. They state: "The atmosphere of the lodge room is wholesome, the ethical standards are high, unconsciously we take on a larger outlook upon life, and are inspired to nobler deeds.

While there are many Masonic pamphlets and leaflets ready for distribution and study, this committee does not believe it wise to force Masonic literature upon anyone but will be glad to supply those Companions who desire it. We wonder!

The section on fraternal correspondence was short and snappy and consisted largely in frowning severely on large classes and field days.

The reviewer thought highly of the conference of Grand Chapters of Canada (which is now an annual event). He seems to fear a possible General Grand Chapter of Canada resulting from these conferences and believes that better results would obtain if all united with the General Grand Chapter, as has been done by the three Prairie jurisdictions. As a member of the executive of these conferences. I do not think M.E. Companion Murfin need fear a Canadian General Grand Chapter.

After closing Grand Chapter there was an Anniversary Dinner and Observance by Grand Chapter and Grand Council. This was the 60th annual event and the chief item on the program was an Historical Address on Masonry in North Dakota, delivered by M.E. Companion Walter E. Stockwell, and like all addresses by this well known Mason was a masterpiece.

M.E. Companion Gilbert H. Movius was installed Grand High Priest for 1949. Next meeting to be at Fargo.

J. V. F.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Eightieth Annual Convocation held at St. John's, Newfoundland, August 29th, 1949.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion F. M. Blois. Four Past Grand High Priests were presented and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, with many very distinguished guests, including M.E. Companion C. M. Pitts of the Grand Chapter of Canada, also an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of Alberta. We are sorry to note that our Grand Representative was not listed as present on this occasion.

The address of the Grand High Priest deals mostly with his duties and activities during his term of office and is a concise record of much accomplishment. He states that as the Annual Convocation was to be held at St. John's, Newfoundland, many members would find it somewhat difficult to attend -- he therefore called a Special Convocation on June 15th, at Halifax, for the transaction of such business as might come before the Grand Chapter, and at which, among other very notable visitors was Lord Cornwallis, Provincial Superintendent for Kent, Supreme Grand Chapter of England, who was honored by the conferring of the Honorary Rank of Grand King and presented with the Joseph Conway Brown medallion for meritorious service. Lord Cornwallis was in Halifax in connection with certain celebrations of the City regarding its founding by one of his ancestors.

Among other recommendations the Grand High Priest made was that "All newly exalted Royal Arch Masons be presented with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter and a copy of the By-Laws of his own Chapter." This seems somewhat strange to us as our ritual calls for this presentation during the M.M.V. Degree.

The reports made by the Grand Superintendents of the six Districts are very interesting and instructive and reflect great credit on these essential and capable officers of the jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary reports 21 Chapters with a total membership of 2,053, this being a net increase of 61.

The reviews are concise, interesting and educational. However, Alberta does not appear.

M.E. Companion Claude Noonan elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Thirty-Third Annual Convocation held at Cincinnati on October 12th and 13th, 1949.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Form by the Acting Grand High Priest, R.E. Companion A. H. Englebeck, due to the passing

of M.E. Companion V. W. Prather, who was called to the Grand Chapter Above approximately nine months after his Installation.

An imposing array of Distinguished Guests was presented and welcomed by the Acting Grand High Priest and invited to take seats on the dais. These Distinguished Guests gave short addresses at different times during the Convocation.

It is sad to record the passing of any Companion and our sympathy is extended to the Companions of Ohio on the loss of their Grand High Priest during his term of office. Another Past Grand High Priest who was called to the Grand Chapter Above and whose passing is keenly felt by the Alberta Companions was M.E. Companion Irving Stafford, who had endeared himself to many of our Companions by his kindly and sympathetic nature when on a visit to us some few years ago. He was honored on that occasion by being made an Honorary Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and was our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Ohio as well as being its Grand Treasurer. We trust that the God of our Faith will receive him into His Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest is divided into two parts. The first being an account of the activities of the late Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion V. W. Prather before his passing and the second part which relates to the efforts of the Acting Grand High Priest during the remainder of the Grand Chapter year. The Grand Secretary presented an account of the activities of the late Grand High Priest. The Acting Grand High Priest, R.E. Companion A. H. Englebeck, gave a comprehensive report of his actions which reviewed the unqualified approval of the Committee on Topical References.

The Grand Secretary reports 200 active Chapters with 4 Chapters U.D., the total membership being 60,029, an increase of 1,769.

An inspiring Memorial Service was held for the late Grand High Priest, which contained an address by M.E. Companion Roscoe Walcutt which will be long remembered by those privileged to be present.

The Committee on Education held 12 schools for High Priests only, also 11 schools of instruction for other officers. From these schools, certificates or diplomas of proficiency are issued to those who qualify.

The report of the trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home shows that this wonderful Masonic activity is becoming more extensive and necessary as time goes on and will require the utmost efforts of all Ohio Masons to continue the fine standard of accomplishment in years past.

A really fine address is presented verbatim which was given by M.E. Companion J. Luther Jordan, General Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter, his subject being "This Thing Called Freemasonry," and his masterful and instructive interpretation of fundamentals one of the finest we have ever come accross. We urge all Masons to obtain a copy. :

A splendid Capitular Review is presented by M.E. Companion Henry Gruen, P.G.H.P., and we are grateful for the favorable presentation of Alberta therein.

M.E. Companion A. H. Elglebeck elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.
H. E. B.

OREGON

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Convocation held at Pendleton on April 14th, 1949.

The Grand Convocation was Opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion L. F. Knowlton. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present, also we are pleased to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta, Ex. Companion C. M. Humphreys was present and answered the roll call.

The Grand High Priest submitted a splendid address of achievement and success for Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction. One Chapter was Instituted and one Chapter Constituted.

The Grand Secretary reports that all Chapters except two had candidates and that thirty-nine Chapters had made a net gain in membership. Thirteen Chapters qualified for General Grand Chapter certificates, the largest percentage gain being 54 per cent attained by Central Oregon Chapter No. 53. Total membership for the jurisdiction was 6,834, a net increase of 462.

M.E. Companion Ralph M. Lodge, Representative of the General Grand High Priest, gave an inspiring address which was much appreciated by the Companions present. It was a happy privilege which permitted me to be present at the Grand Convocation of Montana a few years ago when M.E. Companion Lodge was Grand High Priest.

Other Distinguished Guests also gave very much worthwhile addresses.

The newly elected Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion H. E. Getz, gave a short address of thanks for his election. The Grand Convocation was then closed with prayer.

It is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of Lloyd L. Scott, Past Grand High Priest, who so ably filled the position of Capitular Reviewer --- we shall certainly miss him. Owing to this circumstance, no reviews were submitted.

H. E. B.

PENNSYLVANIA

The four Quarterly Convocations were held on March 3rd at Philadelphia, June 2nd at Uniontown, September 8th at Atoona, and December 8th at Philadelphia, and all were opened in Ample Form.

This Grand Chapter was established 154 years ago and it is not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter, although General Grand Secretary, Roscoe R. Walcutt, was a Distinguished Visitor.

The Grand Chapter Officers' titles are somewhat different than usual. There are no Excellent or R.E. Companions, and the Past Grand High Priests, Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are Most Excellents. The Companion

is addressed: Companion Leech, M. Ex. Grand Treasurer; or Companion Penn, Grand Marshal. The M.E. Companions are elected to their office and the other Officers are appointed. The Grand High Priest is given two years in office. All the elected Grand Officers were present at all Quarterly Convocations. Our Grand Representative, Wesley R. Roe, was present on March 3rd and December 8th.

At the December quarterly there were present 10 Grand High Priests and 13 other Distinguished Visitors from neighboring Grand Chapters, as well as 42 Grand Representatives.

Grand High Priest Arthur L. Miller had a very busy year. His home is in Pittsburg (when he gets there). He attended all 16 of the District and Chapter Classes, 5 York Rite, Festivals and at least 100 other Chapter and Masonic functions.

He made several trips to Philadelphia (300 miles). All this in 9 months as he was in California during January and there are no meetings in July and August.

In his address he commends the District Classes and York Rite Festivals.

He praised the 24 District Deputy Grand High Priests, who made 423 visits, showing hard work and devotion to duty, without any expectation of fee or reward.

The Finance Committee of Grand Chapter was requested to study the Auditors' Report of the Chapters. They found 20 Chapters in debt; 28 in poor financial condition and 9,843 Companions who owed back dues of over \$58,000.00. It was urged that Chapters should operate within their income and that the Auditors' Reports of the Chapter should be studied (many other jurisdictions should do likewise).

Grand Chapter has bonds and securities with a market value of \$169,000.00.

M. Ex. Companion Miller was re-elected for his second year. Fifty-year certificates were awarded to 120 Companions.

The Fraternal reviews are prepared by five Companions. They do excellent work. Past Grand High Priest Frank R. Leech gives Alberta a very fine review. He does not know our Chapter titles, so here they are: Ex. Companions are the three elected Officers, corresponding to the High Priest, King and Scribe. The Very Excellent Companions are the Junior Officers of Grand Chapter (appointed by the Grand First Principal). Right Excellent Companions are those elected to Office by Grand Chapter. Most Excellent are the Present and Past Grand First Principals.

Pennsylvania is the third largest Jurisdiction in the United States. Ohio has 58,000. Last report of Texas was 40,756. 152 Chapters, 39,006 members, net gain 917.

E. G. I.

QUEENSLAND

Regular Half-Yearly Convocations held at Brisbane on April 7th, 1948, and October 6th, 1948.

These Convocations were Opened in Ample Form by the First Grand Principal, M.E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn.

It is worthy of note that M.E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn has been First Grand Principal of The Grand Chapter of Queensland since its inception in January, 1922, to the present time.

The addresses of the First Grand Principal are very fine accounts of a busy and successful year, as well as containing some very lofty idealistic messages and is what one might expect from such an outstanding Mason as M.E. Companion Quinn.

The Grand Representative of Alberta, Ex. Companion J. England, was present, we are very pleased to note, at the April Convocation.

These proceedings carry accounts of what they call in their jurisdiction, Lodge and Council Series, which consist of Royal Ark Mariners Lodges, Mark Master Mason Lodges, Red Cross Councils, and Cryptic Councils of Royal & Select Masters, as well as Royal Arch Chapters.

Grand Representatives were appointed for Montana, Maine, Missouri, Virginia, Wyoming and Washington, also New Brunswick and South Australia.

A committee was formed to prepare a History of Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland, particularly for the General Grand Chapter in America.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows that receipts increased by £360/3/7, while expenditures were decreased by £67/1/8. Receipts in excess of Expenditures were £1,213/5/1. The assets of the Benevolent Fund total £10,508/6/0.

The address given by V.E. Companion B. G. Patterson, Grand Lecturer, on the Second Altar, is a very interesting one and well worthy of the attention of all Royal Arch Masons.

Two new Chapters were Chartered. The statistics show 109 Chapters with a total membership of 5,005, being a net gain of 290 members.

M.E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn was re-elected First Grand Principal.

H. E. B.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was convened in the Masonic Temple, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, on Friday, May 20th, 1949, with Most Excellent Companion Walter E. Bristowe, Grand Z, presiding. Twenty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll call, Alberta'

Grand Representative being amongst those present. The Grand Z in his address mentioned "it is one of the great privileges of Freemasonry in this country to be able, at least temporarily to cast aside the cares and worries of everyday life, and relax in the company of our Fellows and Companions, and for this privilege, which we too readily take for granted, we should be supremely thankful. Many thousands of our Brethren are still unable to do this, and anxiously looking forward to better days. Some progress is being made in Norway, Holland and some other countries, but the outlook is not bright in a considerable part of the world and subversive influences are penetrating even into the most unexpected places. Thank God this is not possible in our organization and we must exercise the greatest care to see it is kept that way."

The Grand Z reports many enthusing and inspiring meetings and also comments on the impetus derived from the attendance with him at various gatherings of Past Grand Z's. He further mentioned that "Many kindnesses have been shown to me, and the cordiality and hospitality experienced everywhere are something to marvel at, and will long be remembered." Four Grand Representatives near Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan were appointed and eight Grand Representatives appointed near Sister Grand Jurisdictions. Most Ex. Companion A. A. Wilson, Grand Scribe E., reported ten Chapters have again qualified for the Certificate given by Grand Chapter. One Chapter showed a gain of 10 per cent five years in succession and two Chapters have shown 10 per cent gain the last four years. Reference was also made by M.E. Companion Wilson to the gathering in Toronto of Conference of Grand Chapters of Canada. Gain in membership of Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was 118. The visit at this Grand Convocation of M.E. Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, was an extreme pleasure and his talks at different functions were appreciated greatly by all fortunate to hear them.

Laudable comments were made regarding the very interesting talk given by M.E. Companion James L. Innes, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The report of the Committee on Grand First Principal's address commended the zeal and activity of the Grand First Principal in visiting two-thirds of the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction and his fraternal visits to Sister Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Alberta. The report further states "We are pleased to make the observation that by his whole-hearted enthusiasm, attractive personality and fine fraternal spirit he has rendered valuable service and made worthwhile contribution to the welfare of the Royal Craft and we congratulate him upon completion of a year in which Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan has again made substantial progress." Most Ex. Companion H. Stanley Bell was installed Grand Z for 1949-50.

E. G. E.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The 136th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was held at Aitken in April, 1949, with Grand High Priest Hugh N. Layne presiding.

Alberta was not present.

This jurisdiction has 31 Chapters of which 28 were represented at the Convocation.

The present membership is 3,403, a gain of 297 over the previous year.

An interesting item appearing in the report is a reference to the Cash Book of the Grand Chapter, the first entry in which was made by the Grand Treasurer in March, 1850. The book has thus been in continuous use for 100 years.

The financial statement shows cash in bank and invested assets aggregating nearly \$35,000.00.

Fraternal relations with the Capitular world continue most cordial and harmonious.

Alberta is given a good send-off by the fraternal correspondent, Companion Henry F. Collins. Your reviewer compliments him on his fine work.

In extending a fraternal welcome to the Grand Representatives present, the Grand High Priest earnestly requested them to communicate with their Principals in order to assist in establishing a closer relationship between the Grand Chapters.

It may be of general interest to know that Dr. Albert G. Mackey, "the greatest Mason who ever lived, served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; distinguished jurists, soldiers and statesmen have filled this position."

In referring to the state of the Craft, the Grand High Priest said: "Masonry is not on the wane. The general activity of almost every Chapter in the Jurisdiction bears eloquent testimony to the great interest in this Rite in our State. If we remember that we owe something more to our new Companions than conferring the Degrees, and dispense light and knowledge to him at every convocation, he shall certainly value the companionship more than he prizes the amount of dues." This is a wonderfully fine chord to strike.

He recommended the adoption of a certificate of merit to be awarded to the one making the most outstanding contribution to Royal Arch Masonry by a Companion not a line officer of the Chapter, the purpose being to pay honor to those Companions who willingly labor because of their love for the Rite and made possible the success of the Chapter.

M.E. Companion Hugh N. Layne was elected Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter meets in 1950 at the City of Chester, N.C., in April.

J. W. G.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held at Mitchell on October 25th, 1949, with Acting Grand High Priest Herbert F. Stevens presiding. Our Grand Representative, Ex. Companion Charles Trethowan was present, also thirteen Past Grand High Priests.

South Dakota had the great misfortune and sorrow of losing by very sudden death, their Grand High Priest, Byron S. Payne, on May 30th, 1949. He had attended a School of Instruction at Mitchell on May 29th and seemed so well and active and intended visiting Huron Chapter on May 31st. It was said of him that "His quiet manner, so pleasing and progressive and yet unoppressive, had assured that his year's work would be profitable and pleasing." Also, "To know him was to realize that he was a man of deep conviction and charitable attitude."

The Annual Grand Chapter Grand Council Banquet was on October 24th, with M.E. Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary, as guest speaker, which address was said to be enjoyable and enlightening. He represented M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest. The Ladies of the Eastern Star provided a sumptuous dinner. All but two of the Grand Chapter Officers were present and 25 Chapters were represented.

M. Wor. Brother Harry H. Margolin of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was received and honored, as well as twelve Grand Officers of neighboring Grand Chapters.

This Grand Jurisdiction celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary at this Convocation. A Grand Chapter had been organized for the Dakota Territory in 1885. A division into North and South Dakota was made in 1889 and at Mitchell on June 12th, 1889, the Grand Chapter was formed. At that time, of the 26 Chapters, seven were in North Dakota and 19 in South Dakota.

In an address, the Acting Grand High Priest told of his high regard for the late M.E. Companion Payne, and added, "To me, he is beside me now and I want you to know that this is his meeting and I am doing only, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and in a humble way, the things he would desire to have done."

R.E. Companion Stevens did considerable visiting as Grand King and later as Acting Grand High Priest. He granted five dispensations for Chapters to go to another town to confer degrees. South Dakota allows a Chapter to take its Charter to a suitable lodge room in its area and confer degrees.

He attended a most instructive Sectional Grand Chapter meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, over which M.E. Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt presided and at which fifteen Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

He found the Chapter officers doing good work and commended the Schools of Instruction, of which five had been held.

Thirteen Chapters had a gain of 10 per cent or more in membership. Finances are in good condition.

He was elected as Grand High Priest for the following term. It

was resolved, "That one Companion be selected each year to be known as The Royal Arch Companion of the year." A committee will make the selection and each Chapter will submit one nomination" (sounds good).

We quote from the Grand Chaplain's Report: "Let us challenge ourselves to be men in the high sense of the word and Holy things once held sacred are too often crowded into second place." Also, "If we cannot maintain our high standard of morality, we have no right to desecrate what that Holy Bible stands for before the world.

Past Grand High Priest Robt. S. Hart, Grand Reviewer, does not write a review of each Grand Chapter, but gives us some informative comments, such as, "The Grand Representatives are to be conceived as BEING the Grand Chapters which commissioned them and so should be saluted with Grand Honors."

The Grand Scribe, R.E. Companion Harry W. Speight, was given, as a special duty, the task of supporting and assisting two struggling Chapters, which he promptly did. 33 Chapters, 3,488 members, net gain 237.

E. G. I.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation held at Nashville on January 23rd, 1950.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest M.E. Companion G. V. Elmore. Nineteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, but we regretfully note that the Grand Representative of Alberta was unable to be present.

Many distinguished visitors were introduced including Most Worshipful Brother and Excellent Companion L. C. Connell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, also Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter, all of whom gave short addresses during the Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise record of a successful term and much was accomplished by this zealous and untiring M.E. Companion. He reports on Group Meetings held in the spring and fall at which a total of 310 candidates received degrees. The following excerpt is very interesting, we quote: "Just after the close of the last Grand Chapter and on the suggestion of our efficient Grand Secretary, Companion Doss, we decided to appoint a Key Man in each subordinate Chapter whose duty it would be to assist the High Priest in promulgating Capitular Masonry throughout the area of his Chapter. I am sorry that we did not get started in time to have a list of these appointments printed in the last proceedings. We had a card printed which was issued to the appointee, which was signed by the Grand High Priest and under the seal of the Grand Chapter. I know that in most cases the Companions appointed to these key positions gave very valuable service to their Chapters and in many cases were a real spark plug for Capitular Masonry." This seems to be a very worthwhile elab-

oration of our system of Grand Superintendents and is worthy of serious consideration as the results obtained were more than expected.

The Grand High Priest also reports on the appointment of a Special Instructor in agreement with the four Grand Bodies, Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council R. & S.M. and the Grand Commandery. This office appears to be somewhat similar to that of Grand Lecturer in our jurisdiction except that our officer is confined to Capitular Masonry and much good was accomplished during the short time the proposal was effective. M.E. Companion P. Douglas, P.G.H.P., was selected and was acceptable to all four Grand Bodies. This is, to our way of thinking, one of the most outstanding events in the Masonic World of North America, and such desire to co-operate and work in harmony for the welfare of the Masonic fraternity as a whole and for the benefit of all mankind will undoubtedly bring a bountiful harvest and be something that other Grand Jurisdictions could profitably emulate.

One new Chapter was Instituted and Dispensations issued for three others who received their Charters at this Convocation.

The Grand Secretary, M.E. Companion Thomas E. Doss, known familiarly as Ted to quite a few Companions, reports that twenty-seven Chapters made a gain of ten per cent or over in 1949, twelve of these for two years, and therefore qualified for General Grand Chapter certificates, also that Normal Chapter No. 185 of Memphis, has shown ten per cent net gain for the past seven consecutive years. He also reports that an all-time high in total membership was obtained, 11,738, this being a net gain of 793 from a total of 72 Chapters. Further, the Grand Secretary states that every Chapter in the jurisdiction had exaltations, probably for the first time in their history. We are thrilled with reports of this calibre and wish Tennessee and its efficient Grand Secretary the utmost success in their endeavors on behalf of our beloved organization in all its branches.

We would like to quote one small paragraph from the report of the Committee on Ways and Means "That the sum of \$400.00 be authorized for use of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary for aid to suffering humanity after any great calamity." This appeals to our sense of the fitness of things in Masonry.

The reviews from the pen of M.E. Companion J. I. Walker, P.G.H.P., are very stimulating and present a splendid resume of world-wide Royal Arch Masonry. Alberta is very favorably presented.

Biographical sketches are presented of a number of Past Grand High Priests which are really worthwhile, and any Companion who thinks he has been of service to Masonry should read of the accomplishments of this fine body of men, personally, we are in a very humble frame of mind after their perusal.

M.E. Companion E. B. Blankenbecler elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

TEXAS

The 99th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. During the last Great War we had many representatives of different states in the armed services stationed among us. One day I was speaking to one of them and casually asked him what state he was from. His reply was "from Texas, what other state is there."

Knowing some of Texas history, and that it's founders were the adventurous spirits drawn from all the other colonies to make their homes in this new frontier and at that time little known territory, I, in making this review, realize that I will learn something, although I will only be able to touch on the highlights of these proceedings.

Most E.G.H.P. Curtis E. Hay was at the helm and his successor is Most Ex. Comp. C. S. Woodward.

Special Grand Convocations were called as follows:

1. To honor Washington Chapter No. 2, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. This itself is an event, and no one can value the service this Chapter has rendered.

There were 10 P.G.H.P. present and 29 P.H.P.

Two Companions were present who had completed fifty years membership. It was a notable gathering and many who could not be present would liked to have had the opportunity to have been present.

2. Another Special Convocation was called to celebrate the 103rd anniversary of the birth of Comp. John J. Ray. Comp. Ray was initiated Dec. 27, 1867, and he became Master of his Lodge in 1887. He has attended fifty consecutive annual Convocations of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He is the oldest Mason in the world.

It was a celebration commemorating a notable event, and was well conducted.

3. This special Convocation was called to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the home for aged Masons. There were 45 Chapters represented. Fourteen Grand Officers present. Eight Past G.H.P. present.

In this state the Grand Lodge constructed the Home and the Grand Chapter administers it. From the proceedings it would seem to be a success and gives both Bodies something worthwhile to work for.

The regular Grand Convocation was held at Waco, Texas. All Grand Officers were present, 16 P.G.H.P. were in attendance.

Alberta was represented by Comp. C. A. Young, of Abbott, Texas.

There was a net gain in membership of 2,739, making a total membership of 38,741, which is a very large group.

Four hundred and ninety-nine deaths were reported.

Five new Chapters granted Charters. A very commendable effort reported for the year.

I am sure that it is only the long distance in miles between Alberta and Texas that prevents us making a fraternal visit to you as a body.

R. M. L.

TEXAS

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation was held at Waco on December 6th, 1949, with G.H. Priest C. S. Woodward presiding and our Grand Representative, R.E. Comp. C. A. Young, who was also Grand Scribe as well as Treasurer of the order of High Priesthood, present. During the Session the latter was elected Grand King.

The One Hundredth Anniversary is to be celebrated in 1950.

In Texas the P.G.H. Priests are given the title of Very Ex. Comp.

Ex. Comp. John J. Ray, Aged 104 years, was given a reception, and Hon. G.H. Priest, Thomas M. Bartley, who was Grand Secretary for 32 years, was greeted.

Sixteen P.G. High Priests and 23 of the 52 District Deputies attended. The latter were highly praised for their noble service.

Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge; the Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, all were received with Grand Honors and it would seem that all Masonic Bodies in Texas work well together.

The G.H. Priest F. H. Lumbard of Oklahoma, and General Grand High Priest Earl E. Dusenbery were received and honored. M.E. Comp. Dusenbery in his address stated that the General Grand Chapter has no control over the laws or the rituals of Grand Chapters. Texas is not a member of the General Grand Chapter.

Forty-six Grand Representatives were assembled at the altar and honorably received.

M. E. Comp. Woodward, who is also manager (for 17 years) and resident medical doctor for the Home for Aged Masons, visited much and he and his wife appear to be greatly beloved and respected for their work. Mrs. Woodward was presented with a beautiful silver service set and she was told: "There is not enough money in this world to pay you for your efforts at the Home." This Home was opened in 1911 and is the only one owned and operated by a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and M.E. Comp. Woodward is justly proud of it and tells much about it. He lauds the Board of Directors, saying: "No men have ever rendered a nobler service and too, without any hope of fee or reward." The Home sheltered 133 Masons and their wives or widows, who are said to be happy and very appreciative. The Grand Chapter had, this year, made many improvements to the buildings and equipment. From each Exaltation fee \$5 is donated to the Home.

The Grand Orator, Dr. Valid R. Woodward, brother of the G.H. Priest was manager of the Home for some years from December 1st, 1915. In his report he relates its growth and its early enthusiastic directors.

The Grand H. Priest refuses a dispensation for a Chapter to hold a special convocation in the Lodge Room of another town. However,

his recommendation was approved, "that a G.H. Priest be given the authority to issue such a dispensation."

Three U.D. Chapters were granted Charters.

In the conclusion M.E. Comp. Woodward stated: "No G.H. Priest has had a corps of Officers more loyal and co-operative than I, and I have enjoyed the confidence of Friends and Companions and nothing in life means more to any man."

The balance in Grand Chapter permanent fund on November 15th, 1949, was \$99,905.13.

All Chapters had made their Annual Reports and had paid all dues and fees. (Grand work).

Fifty-three were received and annointed into the Order of High Priesthood.

Texas has always had a noted Grand Reviewer and Comp. R. Lee Joiner in his Ninth Review, is no exception. He begins "The record of another year is wound on Father Time's reel of memory pictures, showing again, that all is rose-colored with progress and prosperity."

He finds local Chapter jurisdictions is past crystalizing into the simple formula, "exclusive within the Town or City in which it is located but all outside is concurrent."

Most speeches by Grand Officers plainly urge us to become closer acquainted with the Great I Am, thus, living righteously, as a counter-acting influence to the evils which are working so assiduously."

What a mighty force Freemasonry in all its branches not possesses."

He gives Alberta a nice review of one and half pages, of the 1949 proceedings under M.E. Comp A. L. Williams.

Re British Columbia, he remarks "We do not see where a demitted Blue Lodge Mason has anything left to stand on."

221 Chapters--40,756 Members--Net gain 2,015.

(Net gain is more than the total of some Canadian Grand Chapters).

E. G. I.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Convocation held at Burlington, June 14th, 1949.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest M.E. Companion Edward S. Pike. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present but we are sorry to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta was not present. Distinguished visitors from eight other Grand Jurisdictions were welcomed together with the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, Most Illustrious Companion A. E. Bishop, M.E. Companion H. W. Johnson personal representative of the General Grand High Priest and Most Worshipful

Brother A. H. Sprague, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers mostly routine matters but shows that he made a real contribution to the success of Royal Arch Masonry in Vermont and the eulogies given are the result of hard work and intelligent planning. He recommended that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be abolished. He also remarked that our General Grand High Priest M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery is probably the most enthusiastic man ever to head up Capitular Masonry, and from our own experiences when he was with us last year, we are inclined to agree.

The Grand Lecturer presents a splendid report and makes some very worthwhile suggestions, we quote one of them: "I would like to see a larger attendance at the District Meetings. I consider it a grave mistake for any officer to remain away. No other opportunity of equal value is given to the Companions who are desirous of being well informed. A Chapter which is not represented by most or all of its officers as well as a good delegation is a great loser thereby."

The Grand Treasurer reports assets of \$15,871.11.

The Grand Secretary reports: No Chapters in arrears thus continuing the enviable record of the past few years.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests are very interesting and bespeak good work accomplished by these important officers which office is similar to our grand Superintendents.

The passing of our beloved M.E. Companion Wm. T. Coote is noted.

No Reviews are included in these proceedings.

Number of Chapters 28; Membership 4,326; Increase 85.

M.E. Companion Clarence M. Baker elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

VICTORIA

Year ending April, 1949.

M.E. Companion Walter Kemp, Grand L. This Grand Body holds four quarterly meetings annually, the last being the Annual Meeting — at this year the 60th. Each quarterly meeting appears to be separate and distinct with opening and closing in Ample Form, and contains a factual resume of the activities of Royal Arch Masonry during the preceding three months.

While several distinguished visitors were received and many Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters were in attendance, we note, with regret, that our representative, Thompson Allen, was not registered at any of the meetings. We trust this is not due to ill-health on the part of Companion Allen, and that he will do better in the future.

We note with a great deal of interest that the Grand Organist

announced a new book of music for the Exaltation Ceremony, and that there were three salient points:

- (a) They were selected from tunes not appearing in either of the other degrees.
- (b) They were written in a key which would suit any male voice.
- (c) They are all well known familiar tunes.

Items (b) and (c) are especially to be commended.

Two new Chapters were Consecrated during the second quarter of the year. There was a net gain in membership of 525; total 8,040 — 95 active Chapters.

An amendment to the Constitution prohibits the Grand Chapter from making any distribution of money, property or otherwise to its members or to members of private Chapters except (a) the payment of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Supreme Grand Chapter; (b) benevolent payments.

This Grand Body confers Grand Ranks and promotes many of its members to any ranks, including, this year, that of Past First Grand Principal upon a P.G.H. This is unusual in the United States and Canada.

Also the election of officers is somewhat difficult to follow. Some nominations were made at the third quarterly meeting and others at the Annual Meeting (fourth quarter).

The Grand Z elected and installed in M.E. Companion George C. Kingscott who had already been recorded as P.G.Z., but in searching the proceedings we cannot find that this M.E. Companion served as Second Grand Principal — 1939 - 1940.

The Second Grand Principal had been Third Grand Principal in 1945-1946, while the Third Grand Principal's name is not to be found as having served Grand Chapter in any previous office. No doubt the Companions "Down Under" do things differently from what we do in the Northern Hemisphere, but their work, aims and results are the same as is found wherever Royal Arch Masonry exists.

J. V. F.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Forty-Second Annual Convocation held at Richmond, October 25th and 26th, 1949.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion C. M. Flintoff. For the first time in many years, every living Past Grand High Priest was present, and all sixteen were presented in a body. We are sorry to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, which is a splendid record of a very busy and successful year, gave the following decision: Question — A Chapter wished to elect its Secretary as a line officer in a dual capacity. Answer -- There is no specific law against this. However, I believe it is the intent of Grand Chapter Law that subordinate Chapters have one person for each office. To elect an officer in a dual capacity would be a violation of the intent of the law. I strongly disapproved of this proposal and requested the Chapter to abandon the idea.

The Grand High Priest also disapproved of a Chapter giving a prize to the Companion bringing in the greatest number of petitions for a given period.

A Dispensation was issued for a New Chapter at Chincoteague.

The Grand High Priest travelled 18,000 miles in the course of his duties and paid at least one official visit to each of the 21 Capitular Districts. He also visited eleven other Grand Jurisdictions.

A recommendation was made that a Grand Representative who fails to attend three consecutive Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Virginia be removed from office and a successor appointed.

The following is very interesting: We, in Virginia, perpetuate our Ritual by word of mouth, principally by our schools of instruction and the teachings of our Grand Lecturer. We also note from the report of the Grand Lecturer, that ladies and children were present at their schools of instruction. This seems rather odd to us and we wonder what kind of instruction is given at these schools.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows 74 Chapters, with a total membership of 16,169, being a net gain of 603, which seems to be quite a healthy increase.

Many Distinguished Guests contributed very worthwhile addresses, including M.E. Companion C. M. Pitts of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and an Honorary P.G.Z. of Alberta.

A resume of the organization of this Grand Chapter is presented, which took place on May 2nd, 1808.

A very fine review of twenty-nine jurisdictions is included in these proceedings, including Alberta for the year of M.E. Companion A. L. Williams.

M.E. Companion J. L. Gibbs elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

GRAND CHAPTER OF VIRGINIA, 1948

Virginia, being one of the older jurisdictions of North America, seems to be still a model for others of less experience.

At this Convocation Chas M. Flintoff was at the helm.

There were 15 Past Grand High Priests present.

At one place in their proceedings they make reference to the

Jurisdiction of Western Canada. It is possible that this is an error as there are four Grand Jurisdictions in Western Canada. I notice later that they gave a review of proceedings of Alberta, which is one of the Jurisdictions of Western Canada.

While they had a net growth of 873 members, they regretfully have to report the loss by death of 245 members.

It is evident that their Relief Committee is on the job and doing good work.

Their schools of Instruction do much good to increase enthusiasm and make perfection the goal.

We wish to congratulate Virginia for their good showing through the year and best wishes for the future ahead of them.

R. M. L.

WASHINGTON

Sixty-Fifth Annual Convocation at Seattle, May, 1949, M.E. Companion Harry J. Ahlers, Grand High Priest, presiding.

All Chapters, except two, were represented.

There were 832 exaltations, 125 affiliations and 51 reinstatements during the year, the net gain being 614. Total membership, 9,037.

On his visitations the Grand High Priest travelled over seventeen thousand miles by auto, train and plane.

The Grand Blue has a membership of 57,249, of which only 15 per cent belong to the Royal Arch.

Bronze certificates were awarded by the General Grand Chapter to 83 Chapters which had made 10 per cent gain in membership for five consecutive years, of which four came to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, "a mighty fine record."

Twenty-nine Chapters asked for and received dispensations to receive and ballot as of same date, and twelve to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon a plurality of teams.

A resolution was passed for the appointment of a Ritual Committee to compile a ritual for each of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, "said Ritual to adhere strictly to the ancient customs, usages and traditions of Royal Arch Masonry."

The reviews, while terse, give a bird's eye view of the activities of all the Chapters dealt with, Alberta being given prominent mention. The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the business-like leadership given it by its Grand High Priest, who gave voice to this sentiment in his address:

"Let us as Grand Officers and officers of the constituent Chapters be ever diligent to inculcate into the minds of the most obscure and humble member a sense of being individually needed and individually called for, because in the final analysis, the acid test of the value of our Order in the Social, Religious and Business of our State is — What it does to and for men as individuals."

M.E. Companion Guy S. Rose continues Grand High Priest to May Convocation, 1950.

Alberta was not represented.

Next Convocation at Spokane, May 18th-18th, 1950.

J. W. G. M.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation held at Clarksburg, October 11th and 12th, 1948.

The Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Guy T. Mackey. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. We are also pleased to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta, M.E. Companion L. G. Kincheloe, was present and answered the roll call. Forty-one Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains some very worthwhile passages and lofty idealism. We quote in part: "The question has been asked, 'What is the mission of the Arch?' To this I would answer in part, 'What but a search for Truth?' As it lies not in the power of man to find or know all the Truth we may well say that the mission is a large and broad subject, as each discovery leads to another, the search in itself broadens the view and quickens the heart of him who searches." And again we quote: "Let us hope for a spiritual awakening among all people. Only through Divine Guidance can we hope for a lasting Peace and goodwill will only come among all mankind when the Creator of all things puts His spirit into the hearts of all men."

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 9,342, a net gain of 325. He also reports that six Chapters qualified for certificates from the General Grand Chapter for a gain of 10 per cent or over in membership.

The Grand Treasurer reports total liquid assets of \$13,410.18.

There are no reviews.

M.E. Companion J. I. Dugan elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Convocation held at Oshkosh, May 3rd, 1949.

The Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion William W. Burns, there being fourteen Past Grand High Priests present. We are sorry to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers mostly routine matters, but is a fine rendering of a busy and successful year. Among other acts was the appointing of fifteen Grand Representatives for a period of three years and in this connection he says: "The duties of such Grand Representatives are very few, but of great importance. You are charged with the responsibility of representing the Grand Jurisdiction to which you have been assigned and to make an annual

report of the important and interesting happenings which transpire at our Annual Convocations to the Grand High Priest of said jurisdiction. There are untold pleasures derived from the cultivation of this type of fraternal association. Just try it, for your own satisfaction and as a means of extra service to the Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin."

Twenty-seven District Instructors were appointed for ritualistic instruction for the subordinate Chapters which were apparently very successful and good work was accomplished.

With regard to visits the Grand High Priest has this to say: "There is not a Grand Officer in this Jurisdiction who is of the opinion that he is supernatural, and should we have failed in many other ways, I believe we have established the fact that Royal Arch Masons in Wisconsin are not afraid to call them by their first names. Utmost friendliness, with respect, has marked the pleasant visits I have made to the Chapters of the State."

The Grand High Priest also had the honour of presenting a Charter to the first Regular Research Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in America, Recharam Chapter No. 117, which was organized to promote the study of Masonry, and not the conferring of Degrees and accepts to membership any Companion who is worthy and interested in seeking further light and knowledge.

An Edict was issued by the Grand High Priest directing that each Chapter hold a RECONSECRATION NIGHT and stated the reconsecration obligation to be used. He also recommended that \$500.00 be appropriated annually as a reserve to be administered by the Governors of De Molay.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 18,161 at the end of 1948, an increase of 333.

M.E. Companion O. M. Woolley elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the Common era — 1950 and 4,000 equal 5950.

ROYAL ARCH—

Dates from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A.I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era — 1950 and 530 equal to 2480.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed — Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1950 and 1,000 equal to 2950.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their Order — Anno Ordinis (A.O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1950 less 1,118 equal to 832.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek — Anno Benefacio (A.B.). To the Christian era add 1,913, thus: 1950 and 1,913 equal to 3863.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry — except the Jewish chronology is used — Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1950 and 3,760 equal to 5710. After September add another year.

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1950

M.E. Comp. H. E. Bentley Grand First Principal
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R.E. Comp. A. C. Burnup Grand Principal Sojourner

R.E. Comp. Wm. McGruther Grand Registrar
